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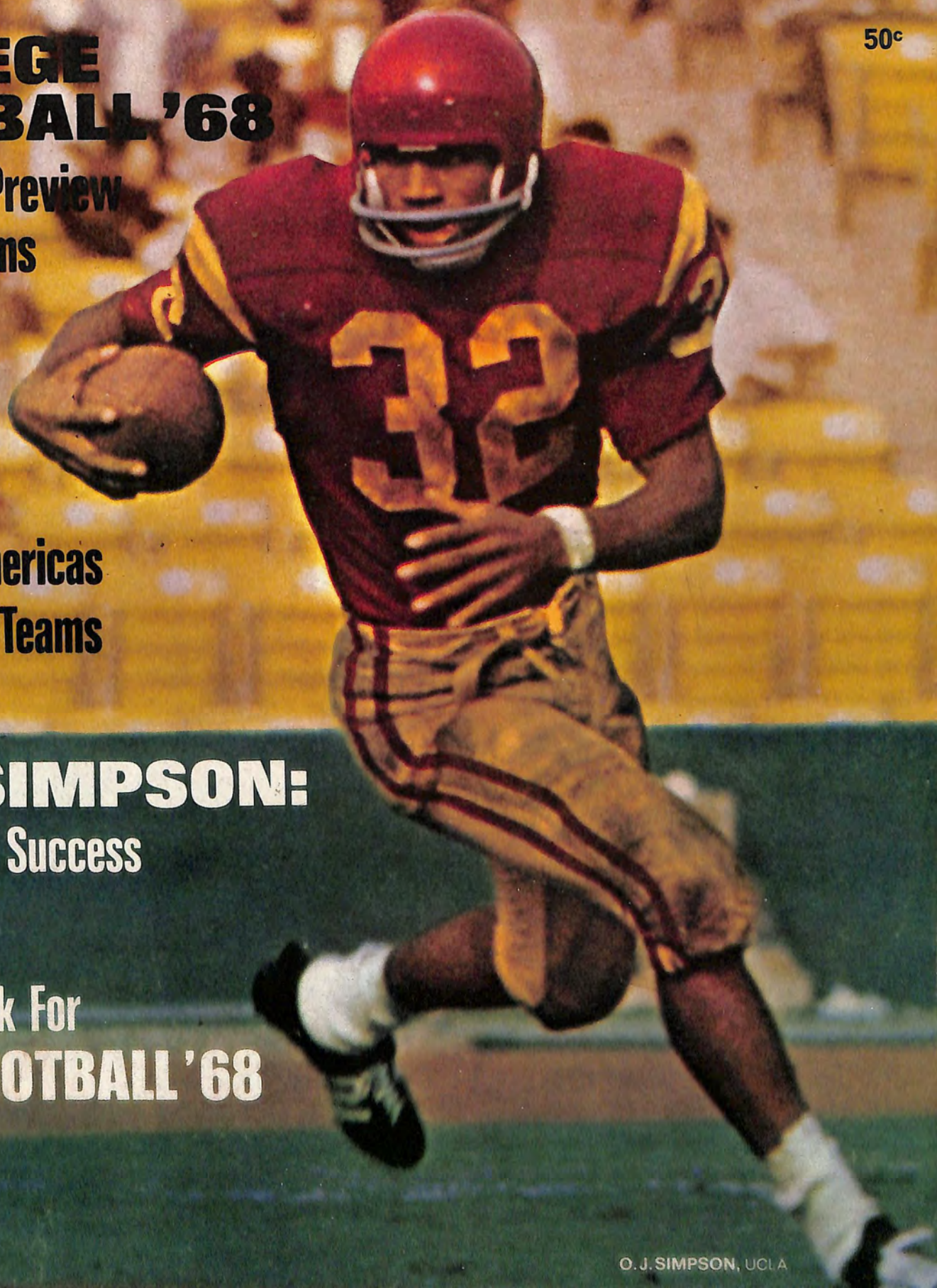
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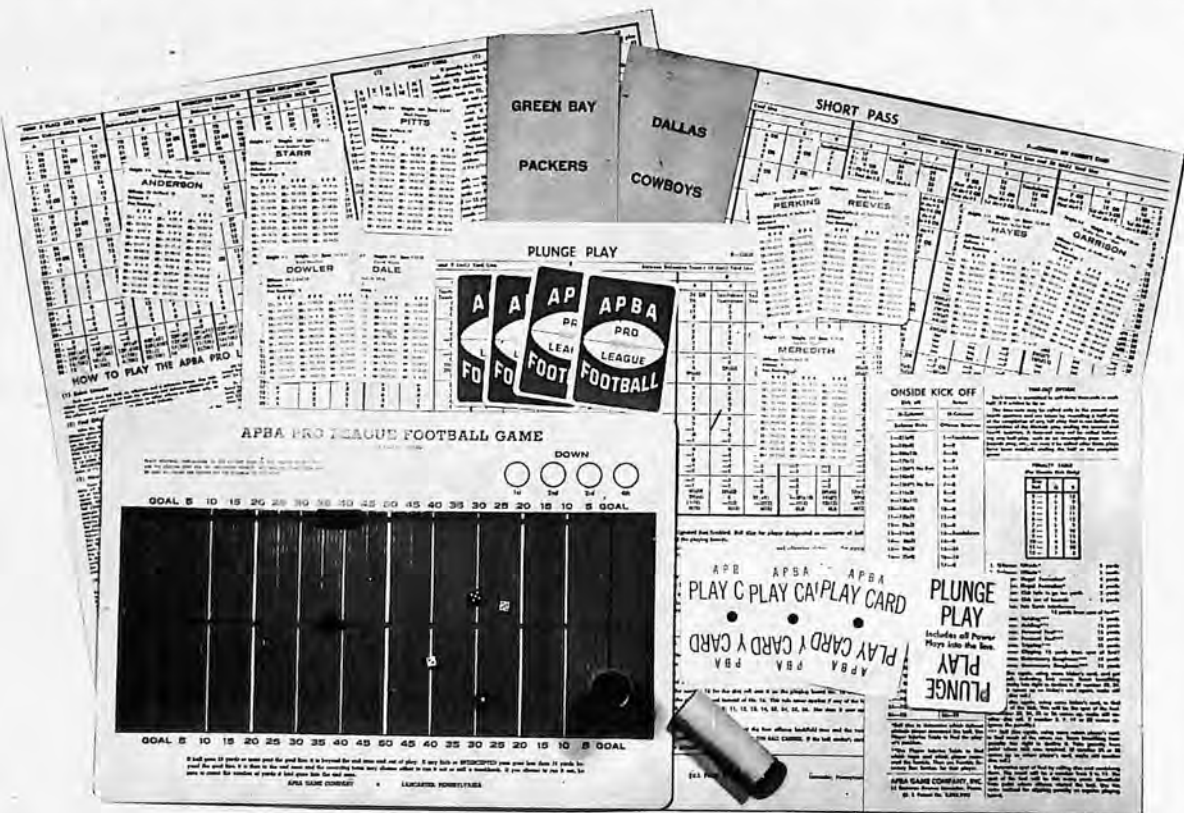
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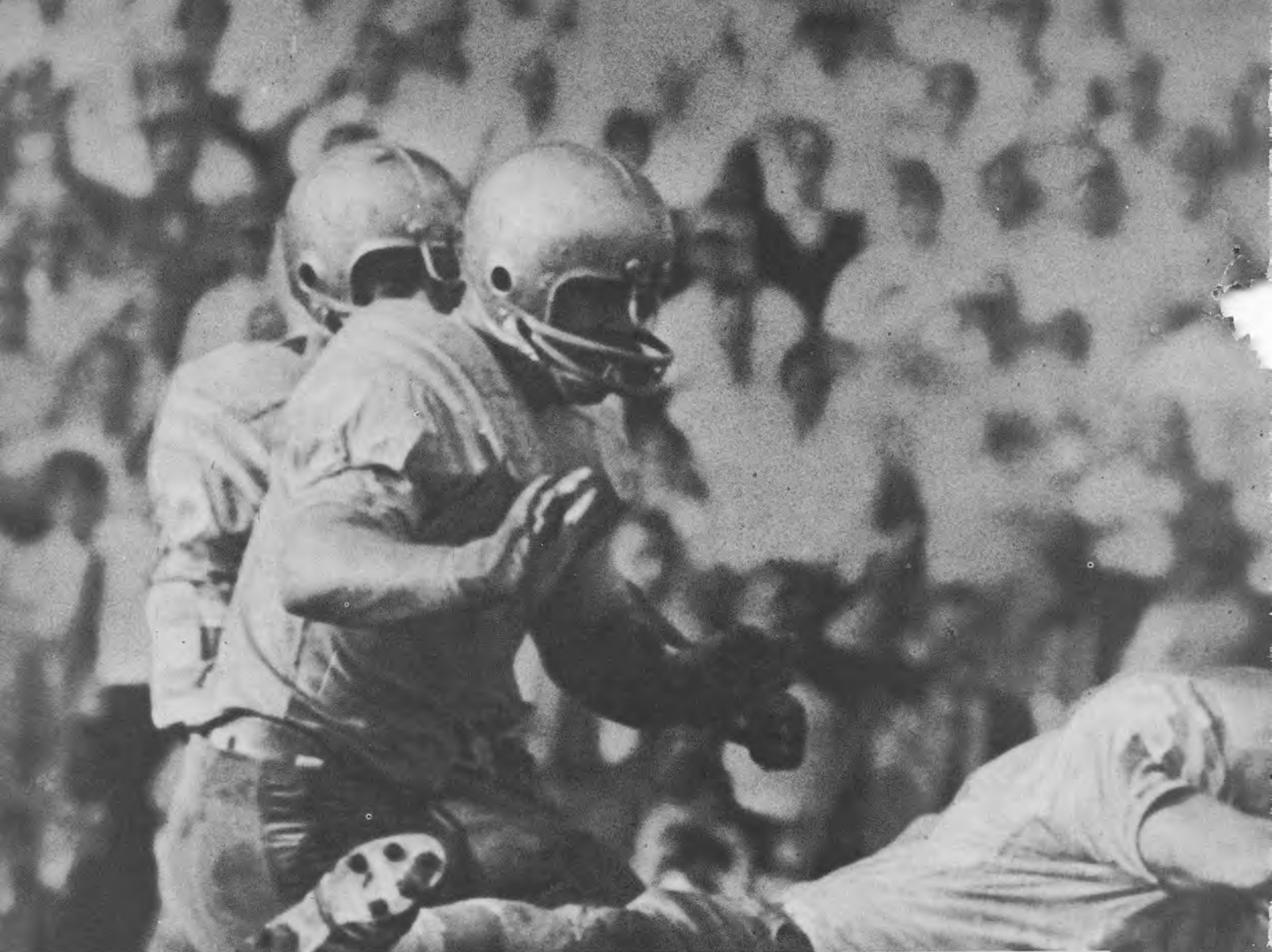


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O. J. SIMPSON

Behind His Success

**The ideal runner
would possess power,
speed, moves and
endurance. Simpson,
who went to USC
from junior college,
has got them all**

By BOB RUBIN

Associate Editor, SPORT

THE FIRST caveman to throw a piece of meat on a fire had to wonder what his experiment would taste like. Columbus surely asked himself if any good would come of sailing west. And Southern Cal football coach John McKay must have agonized about the likelihood of a junior halfback named Simpson, who had transferred from the City College of San Francisco, making it in heavy traffic with a big-time football institution.

It was spring practice of 1967 and McKay didn't know if Orenthal James Simpson, 6-1 and 202 pounds, was going to be a tailback, flanker or split end. He didn't have much time to find out, because Simpson was running on a USC 440-yard relay team that was to set a world record. So when O.J. showed up at football practice, McKay threw him to the lions. O.J. ate them up. "We wanted to see if he could take it inside," McKay said. "We ran him seven



Simpson, No. 32, scored 13 touchdowns and gained 1543 yards to lead the nation in rushing.

O.J. SIMPSON

continued



O.J. decided to stay in junior college a second year to bring his marks up to USC standards. "That was the luckiest thing that ever happened to me," he says of his decision. No doubt the Trojans feel the same way.

straight times in one scrimmage, and that was it. He busted people backward."

It was the forerunner of one of the greatest seasons any college football player ever had. Orenthal James, who was better known as Orange Juice, gained 1543 yards to lead the country in rushing. He scored 13 touchdowns, including the two USC managed in its 14-3 Rose Bowl victory over Indiana. The Trojans wound up the country's No. 1 team and O.J. was its No. 1 player. The 1968 USC spring prospectus lists honors won by its '67 players. Lineman Ron Yary, the No. 1 pro draftee, merits 16 lines. O.J. has 22 lines.

In a way, however, the comparison is unfair to Yary. There is only one Ron Yary. There are several O. J. Simpsons.

There is the O.J. McKay saw in that first spring practice, the power runner who leaves cleat prints on the bodies of defenders. There is O.J. the speedster, whose 9.4 ability in the 100 (4.5 for 40 yards in uniform) makes them look like the poor coyote who chases the roadrunner. There is O.J. the elusive, the runner who finds cracks of light and wriggles through them, showing a leg, taking it away, stopping, starting, feinting, frustrating. And finally, encompassing all others, there is O.J. the durable, the runner who carried 38 times against Notre Dame, 36 times against Michigan State and 30 times against both Texas and Washington. "I don't get real tired," O.J. said. "Maybe it's because I'm anticipating that on the next carry I'll break clear. I feel like I can go all the way every time, mainly because we've got such a good line."

The good line undoubtedly helped O.J., but it seems a fact of life that he would break clear even if the DAR was blocking in front of him. In two seasons at CCSF, Simpson scored 54 touchdowns, breaking a record set by Ollie Matson. In his first game for USC, O.J. rushed for 158 yards and a touchdown in a 17-13 victory over Texas. Immediately, he was marked a man to watch. "We'll take him right now," said Houston Oilers scout Charlie Hall. "I'm just glad I don't have to coach against him. He'd scare me to death." Texas coach Darrell Royal was already beyond fear. "I just hope I don't see anybody this season with more capabilities than Simpson," he said in the losers' locker room. "I don't think we will."

The other coaches whose teams had the misfortune of meeting O. J. Simpson as the season progressed said much the same things.

Simpson was born and grew up in San Francisco, where his father is a bank custodian. His marks at Galileo High School were underwhelming, so he attended CCSF in hopes of raising his grades and gaining the interest of a big school. As soon as he started scoring touchdowns at that incredibly prolific rate, Arizona State and Utah declared themselves interested. But O.J. decided he wanted USC, even though it meant a second year at CCSF to raise his grades to Trojan standards. "I had to make a big decision," he said. "Arizona State and Utah sounded good to me because I could go to either one and play ball right away. I almost enrolled at Arizona State, but the USC coaches talked me into holding out for the big time. That was the luckiest thing that ever happened to me."

Ironically, Simpson's football journey from San Francisco to Los Angeles is similar to one taken by UCLA quarterback Gary Beban, the Heisman Trophy winner who led his team into a showdown game against rival USC last season for the Athletic Association of Western Universities championship, a spot in the Rose Bowl and the No. 1 ranking in the nation. "Why, Beban has been my idol," O.J. said before the game. "Seriously. It's funny. He's from my part of the state and I followed him closely for two years while I was in junior college. I watched him play on television, and in the Rose Bowl and all. He's great man."

Beban, playing with injured ribs, was magnificent, passing for over 300 yards and two touchdowns. But O.J., his right foot throbbing from an injury in a 3-0 loss to Oregon State the week before, was even more magnificent. He gained 177 yards, scoring on runs of 13 and 64 yards to give USC a memorable 21-20 victory.

Afterward, Beban and O.J. met.

"Gary, you're the greatest," said Simpson. "It's too bad one of us had to lose."

"O.J., you're the best," Beban replied. "Go get 'em in the Rose Bowl."

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MIDWEST

**It looks like there may be
another surprise Big Ten champion
this season. Ohio State is
that surprise, but Notre Dame is
still the best in the area**

By ANDY CARRA

Associate Editor, SPORT



LEROI KEYES, No. 23, Purdue

BIG TEN

OHIO STATE With the exception of the citizens of Columbus, the Buckeyes may shock everyone in the country this year. It's been a long time since Ohio State has been high in the national rankings and during its hibernation the Bucks have quietly been building in preparation to a return to the glory days of three yards and a cloud of dust. Of course, the brutal running game is no longer in vogue and that's why coach Woody Hayes will be coming up with a varied offense to go along with his always-tough defense. There are 29 lettermen back from last

year's 6-3 team and when Hayes has lettermen, you better believe he has lettermen, not these guys who get in for three minutes in a 68-3 rout. His guys are men like tackle Rufus Mayes, guard Alan Jack, center John Milback, halfbacks Dave Brungard, Ray Gillian and Jay Bombach and fullbacks James Otis and Paul Huff, all excellent football players. The quarterbacks are good—Bill Long and Kevin Rusnak. The leading backup man from last year, Gerry Ehrsam, will be moved to defensive halfback.

On defense, the picture is even better. Only one position, safety, has no letterman back. The rest of the

unit has plenty of playing time. This is the unit that led the Buckeyes to four straight wins to close out the '67 season. The leading returnees are linebacker Dirk Worden, tackles Bill Urbanik and Paul Schmidlin.

It's going to be a very good year for the Buckeyes.

PURDUE With all the backfield talent the Boilermakers have back, it is very difficult to place Purdue No. 2 in the conference—but it has to be done. Last year, with even more all-round talent, the best the Boilermakers could do was a tie for the Big Ten title. Still, No. 2 teams do try harder. And Purdue has a man



who'll be trying for the Heisman trophy. He's Leroy Keyes, who will be fighting O.J. Simpson for the player-of-the-year award. Keyes, after switching from defense to offense last year, led the nation in scoring with 114 points. He was everyone's All-America and his statistics were very impressive: 986 yards rushing, 45 pass receptions for 758 yards, five pass completions for 59 yards and three touchdowns. That's almost a college career in itself.

Keyes won't have to do it alone for Purdue. Junior quarterback Mike Phipps set a school total offense record for one season last year when he picked up 2020 yards, finishing third in the nation. In addition, he won the Big Ten passing title with 118 completions in 243 attempts for 1800 yards. His best single-game performance came in his first varsity game against Cotton Bowl champ Texas A&M, when he completed 17 of 35 for 259 yards. Besides Keyes and Phipps there is fullback Perry Williams, who picked up 746 yards last year. He's an ex-

cellent complement to Keyes. On defense the Boilermakers have All-Big Ten middle guard Chuck Lyle and linebacker Dick Marvel. But, alas, there are some holes to fill. The defense has lost both ends and a tackle. All were three-year starters. The offensive line may also be weak with the loss of two tackles, one guard



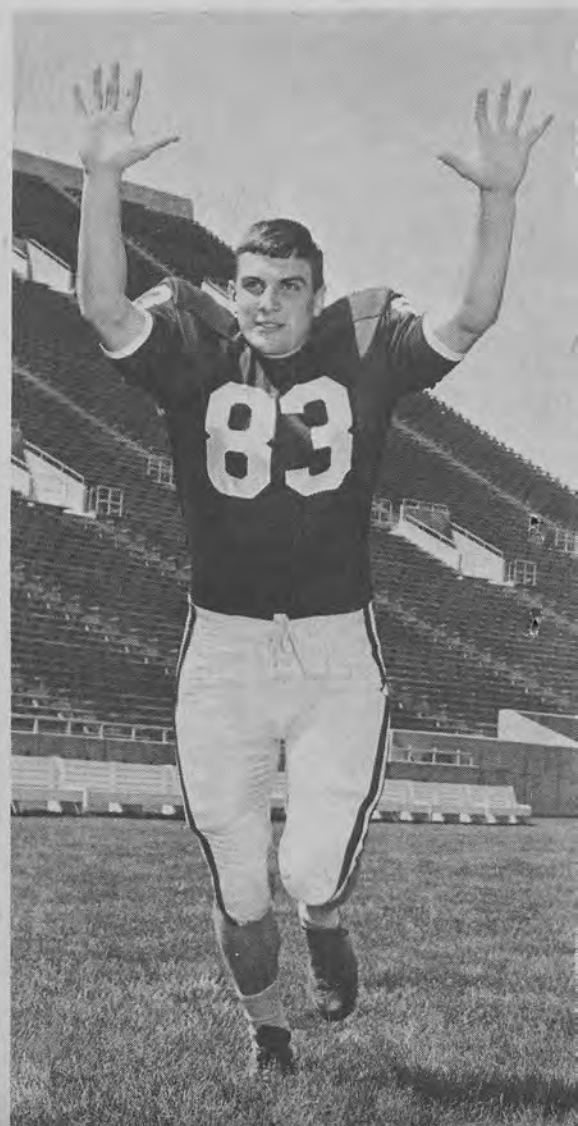
HARRY GONSO, Indiana

and one end. Just too many holes in the Boilermakers to give them a title.

INDIANA How do you figure this team? In 1966 it was 1-8-1 and last year it went to the Rose Bowl after a 9-1 season. The Hoosiers reached all the way up to a No. 4 national ranking and coach Johnny Pont was the Coach-of-the-Year. It was a real dream season, helped along by a few minor miracles. Indiana won six and lost one in the conference, outscoring its opponents by a total of nine points. Included in the margin was a one-point win over MSU, four-point win over Iowa, five over Wisconsin and Purdue and seven over Michigan. Then, in what might have been a true indication of the absolute physical strength of the Hoosiers, Minnesota beat them, 33-7, on the next-to-last weekend of the regular season. But no matter, credit John Pont with a superb coaching job. He got his sophomores up every week he had to and it was usually enough to win.

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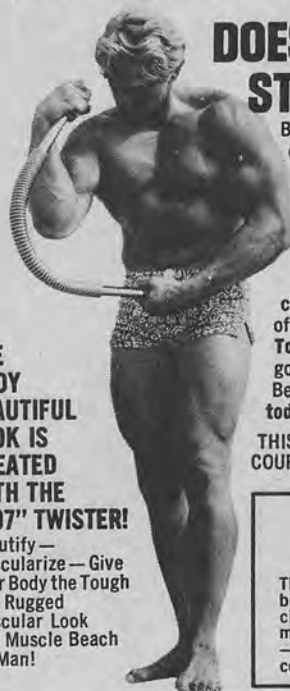
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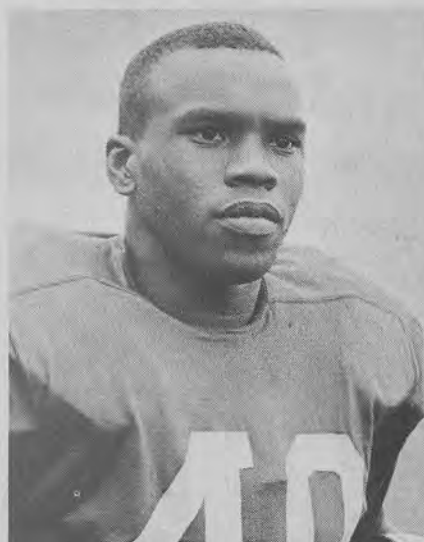
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you can expect more of the unexpected. The Hoosiers will probably run out of whatever they were using last year. There are some outstanding performers and some holes. The holes include the middle of the offense—two guards and a center, plus a fullback. The Hoosiers will prove that the baseball adage of “you have to be strong up the middle to win championships,” will hold true for college football. The lack of a middle will cut down the threat of quarterback Harry Gonso’s options because the defense will be laying for him.

Indiana has also lost three of its four linebackers but one really good one returns in Jim Sniadecki. The Hoosiers will need more than Pont’s magic, Gonso’s passing and Sniadecki’s defense. They’ll need excellent seasons from tight end Al Gage,

defensive ends Tom Bilanus and Cal Snowden, halfback John Isenbarger and a whole group of sophomores.

MICHIGAN STATE Would you believe ol’ MSU is not even close to being the favorite for the conference title? Not after last year, anyway. Still, coach Duffy Daugherty has a history of bouncing back after a rough season, and last year’s 3-7 was certainly rough. And he has the men for some bouncing, especially on defense. Two outstanding ones are end Rich Saul and tackle Charley Bailey.

The big problem will be on offense, where MSU lost all its regulars except end Al Brenner, tackle Ron Saul and halfback alternates LaMarr Thomas and Frank Walters. Regis Cavender, who has never quite come up to expectations is also back at halfback. One of the biggest problems is finding a replacement for graduated quarterback Jimmy Raye. The prospects are vets Bill Feraco and Charley Wedemeyer. If one of these two takes over with a strong hand, the Spartans will surprise a lot of people and could possibly turn that last year’s record completely around. But it’ll be tough.

MINNESOTA The Gophers had just as good a record in the Big Ten as Indiana last year but lost out on the trip to Pasadena because they had been there before. This year they may find themselves in another place they’ve been before—nowhere—unless coach Murray Warmath comes up with a quarterback to replace Curtis Wilson. Phil Hagan and Ray Stephens, both unimpressive in limited performances last year, are the



TONY PLEVIK, Illinois

leading quarterback candidates. Other returnees include nine from the offense and seven on defense. Among the offensive regulars are halfbacks George Kemp (368 yards) and John Wintermute (275), and fullback Jim Carter (560). End Bob Stein leads the defense. He was an All-America last year, winning honors on four national teams and three Big Ten squads, including academic.

The Gophers may surprise if they can work out their quarterback problem and add some depth from a good crop of sophs.

MICHIGAN Both the offensive and defensive backfields return but the Wolverines have lost a lot in other places. Coach Bump Elliot must replace 16 graduated lettermen including eight starters from a 4-6 (3-4 in the Big Ten) team.

The offense may be able to move the ball well. Last year quarterback Dennis Brown set a Big Ten season total-offense record for plays run when he handled the ball on 135 rushes and 155 passes. He'll have help in the backfield in Ron Johnson at left half. Johnson set a school rushing record when he picked up 1005 yards in 220 carries.

The defense will be led by Tom Stincic, a 6-3, 217-pound middle linebacker. The Wolverines will need help up front but not in the secondary where all four starters are back. That combination of defensive depth and offensive scoring should be enough to keep Michigan respectable.

ILLINOIS There is a good chance that the Illini will improve on its 4-6 (3-4 in conference) record, if it can be as lucky as last year. The final Big Ten statistics showed that Illinois finished tenth in offense and eighth in defense in '67 and still wound up tied for fifth in the standings. Now that shows something.

Luck can take you only so far,

though. Coach Jim Valek has a problem in the offensive line with only two lettermen returning. But if that line can be mended, Valek has some good backfield men in fullback Rich Johnson (802 yards) and halfbacks Dave Jackson and Bill Huston. The quarterback will be Bob Naponic who missed almost all of last

season because of an injury.

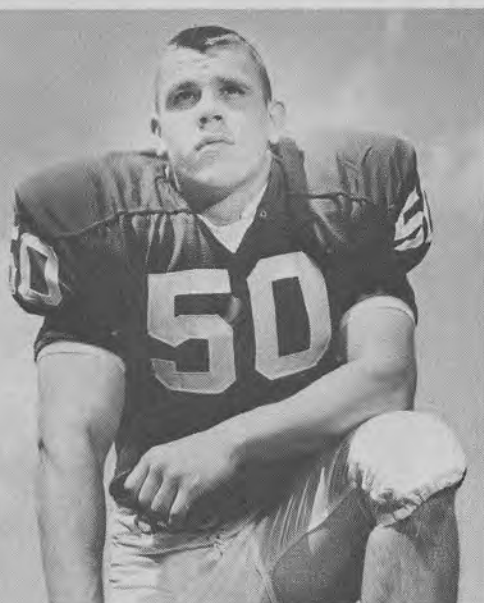
On defense the Illini might have the best set of defensive tackles in the conference in Tony Pleviak and Mickey Hogan. Veterans also are available at guard—Mike McDonough and Bill Nowak, linebacker—Bruce Erb and Jeff Trigger, and end—Doug Whitman and Carson Brooks. Only the secondary is hurting with just one man, Fred Wolf, returning. Illinois will be improved and probably thinking about what happened to Indiana last year.

IOWA This could also be a surprise team. The Hawkeyes have lost only two starters from the offense which finished second in the conference statistics. Quarterback Ed Podolak can run and throw and he'll be doing a lot of throwing to the Big Ten's No. 1 receiver Al Bream (55 receptions for 703 yards and five touchdowns in '67). Barry Crees will also be getting a good share of Podolak's tosses.

With only the center and fullback gone, the offense won't be much of a problem, but the defense will.



KEN CRITER, Wisconsin



WALLY SHOESSOW, Wisconsin



BOB STEIN, Minnesota

Coach Ray Nagel is depending on sophomores to bolster the line and sophomores are not always too dependable. The Hawkeyes are still a year and many defensive lapses away.

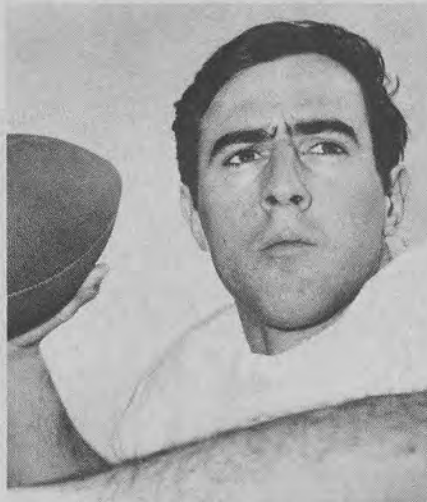
WISCONSIN The Badgers didn't win a game last year but coach John Coatta is hopeful he'll get his first collegiate victory fairly early in the season. His hopes are founded on 12 starters back from last year, eight on offense and four on defense. And it's much easier to get a win by offense than by defense. For that reason, Wisconsin may stay out of the Big Ten cellar. The Badgers will also get help from an unbeaten frosh team. The leading returnees are offensive ends Mel Reddick and Tom McCauley, offensive guard Wally Schoesow and linebacker Ken Criter. Criter was the leading tackler in the conference last year with 63 unassisted and 69 assisted tackles.

With two good ends returning, it will be up to sophomore quarterback Gary Loose to get the ball out there. If he's loose enough, he may help the

ED PODOLAK, Iowa

Badgers to two or three wins.

NORTHWESTERN Coach Alex Agase will have his most experienced squad since he took over in 1964. But that doesn't necessarily mean it will be a winning one. And the first four games on the Wildcat schedule may start a losing tradition (Miami



TERRY HANRATTY, Notre Dame

of Florida, Southern Cal, Purdue and Notre Dame). The strength is supposed to be in the offensive line but the loss of All-America guard Bruce Gunstra will hurt considerably and the line will be a deteriorating one. There is some experience at running back with Chico Kurzawski providing practically the whole show. He did it last year, leading the team in scoring with 42 points, averaging three yards per carry, handling the punting and being the team leader in punt returns and kickoff returns. He also completed four of seven passes and caught 29. The other halfback, Bob Olson, was the team's leading ground gainer with 507 yards. But two men do not a team make.

INDEPENDENTS

NOTRE DAME There are still some magical names at South Bend from the national champions of two years ago. Names like coach Ara Parseghian, quarterback Terry Hanratty and end Jim Seymour. And the names will surely carry on a superb

CHICO KURZAWSKI, Northwestern



winning tradition. But there are too many names missing to get the Irish back into that national No. 1 spot.

Hanratty and Seymour will be the primary offensive threats, along with halfback Bob Gladieux. Hanratty has a lifetime passing percentage of .533, and that's pretty good. He also has thrown 25 interceptions in two years and that's not so good. But he may have gotten over that fault; he didn't throw one interception in the Irish's last five games (all winning ones) last year. Seymour is now the Irish's all-time leading receiver with 85 receptions, including 37 last year. If Hanratty has a successful year, he could become ND's total offense leader, passing George Gipp. Fullback Jeff Zimmerman also must be considered an offensive threat. The line must find replacements at guard and center. Tackle George Kunz (6-5, 240) is set, as are guard Tom McKinley and tight end Jim Winegardner.

On defense the Irish may run into trouble. There is a definite need for ends to complement tackles Mike McCoy and Eric Norri. Even if the ends do pop up, there may still be problems at linebacker and secondary. The entire secondary has graduated and that crew made 130 tackles and intercepted eight passes. Also linebackers Mike McGill, John Pergine and Dave Martin are gone. Only Bob Olson remains from the unit. He led the team in tackles last year but he must get some help if the Irish are to have a chance for the national championship.

DAYTON Coach John McVay says he's going into this season with "about a team and a half of offense and the same of defense." That means he'll be depending on swing men an awful lot if the Flyers are to duplicate last year's 6-3-1 record. McVay does have a few men who will not be swinging from one squad to another. Quarterback Jerry Biebuyck passed for 811 yards last year and is set at his spot. Halfback Bob Madden is also set. But those two men, plus offensive tackle Dan Andrick may be the only bright spots. The Flyers have lost four offensive linemen, a defensive tackle, a middle guard, three defensive backs and their placekicker.

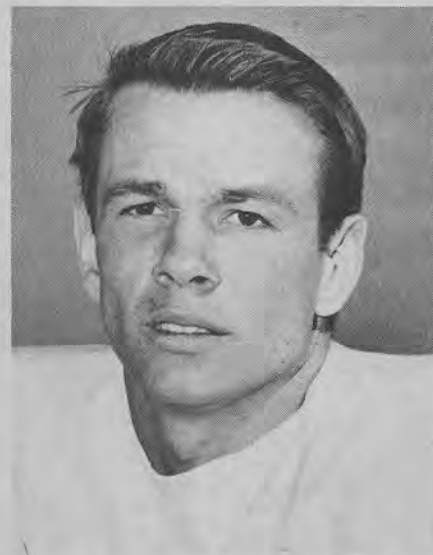
XAVIER The Musketeers return 30 of their 44 players from last year's 6-3-1 squad. Unfortunately, only six offensive starters and six defensive starters are included in the group. Five offensive linemen are gone but two outstanding guards return in John Shinnars and John



BOB MADDEN, Dayton



WAYNE WELTER, North Dakota



JIM SEYMOUR, Notre Dame

Neatherton. The backfield has lost its fullback but everyone else is back. The Musketeers have halfback Bill Waller (686 yards rushing and 324 yards on 17 pass receptions). Greg Betts or Terry Renard will be the other halfback. Jerry Buckmaster is a fine quarterback. As a sophomore he completed 74 of 148 passes for 987 yards. The only part of the defense that is really hurting is the secondary. Three of the lettermen who return saw only limited action last year and are listed as rebuilding types.

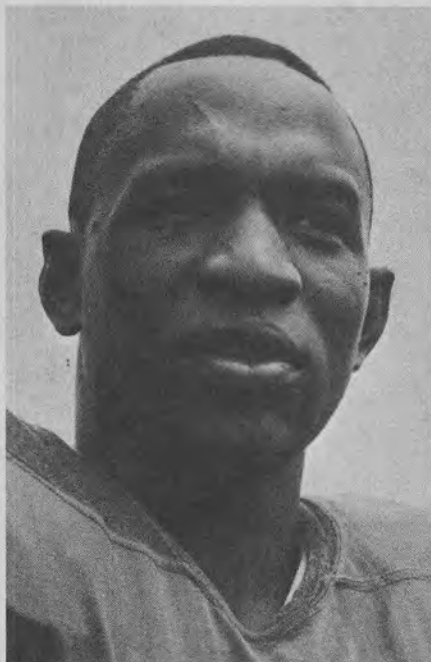
NORTH DAKOTA Jerry Olson, who has been No. 1 assistant for seven years is the new head coach. He'll have an improved team offensively, where he has seven starters back. The defense should also perk up because of nine returning starters, headed by linebackers Roger Mahus and Bruce Smith. Joining them will be redshirt Wayne Welter at tackle. But UND will be hurting in the defensive secondary where only one man returns. There are too many holes to be filled on offense and a secondary that is too weak for the

Sioux to improve that much over last year's 4-6 record.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

OHIO There seems to be no reason why coach Bill Hess' team cannot repeat, at least as co-champions of the MAC. The Bobcats are loaded with lettermen (24) and returning starters (16). And Hess has even come up with a few ballplayers who have outside shots at All-America recognition. The top candidates are offensive tackle Ken Carmon (two years All-MAC), quarterback Cleve Bryant (16th in the nation in total offense as a soph last year) and half-back Dick Conley (15th in the country in rushing with 841 yards). Only one problem area exists: the secondary where two starters are gone.

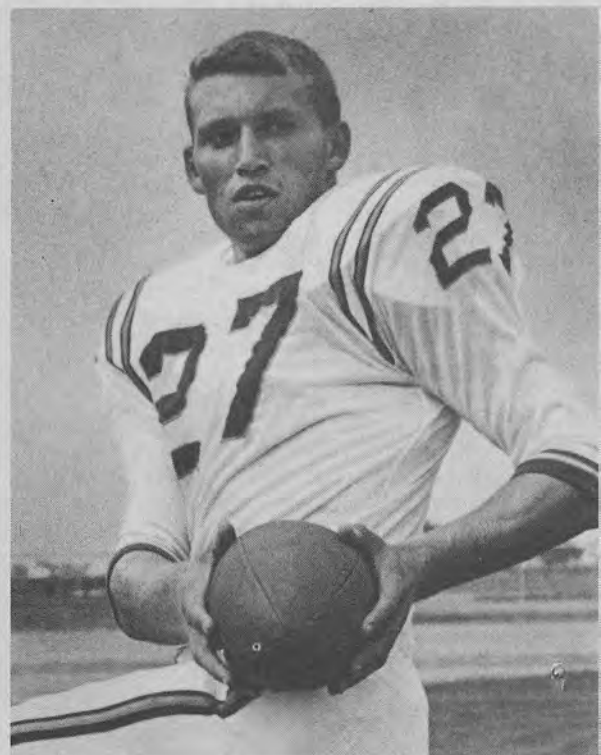
TOLEDO Last year coach Frank



CLEVE BRYANT, Ohio

X. Lauterbur came up with the greatest team in Toledo's half-century of football. The Rockets were MAC co-champions and placed ten men on the conference all-star team. But it won't be the same in '68. The Rockets lost eight starters but return their two leading ground gainers in Roland Moss (833 yards and 16 TDs) and Bob Pfefferle (658 yards). Three of the four top receivers are back and three linemen. There will be a new quarterback in Steve Jones. On defense the middle guard, linebacker and two cornerback spots must be filled. Despite the holes the Rockets will be tough again. But not tough enough.

MIAMI The Redskins always come up with a good team. Since joining the MAC they have won the conference championship eight times and finished second seven times. Coach Bo Schembechler has 14 start-



BOB ZIMPFER, Bowling Green

JOHN SHINNERS, Xavier



BOB BABICH, Miami



ROLAND MOSS, Toledo

ers back from last year's 6-4 (4-2 in the MAC) team. The top returnee is 6-2, 225-pound linebacker Bob Babich. There are some problem areas in the offensive line and defensive backfield but Schembechler says, "we feel we have the players to make us a contender again." Some of those players are tight end Gary Arthur, quarterback Kent Thompson, fullback Don Wade, defensive tackles Ken Root and Errol Kahoun.

WESTERN MICHIGAN The Broncos will have to fill a few key spots if they expect to be in the race for the crown. The key spots are quarterback and linebacker. But coach Bill Doolittle feels that he can find those replacements, and that WM will be a contender. Three definite pluses are roverback Dave Hudson, defensive end Jerry Collins and center Gene Hamlin. All three made the All-MAC team last year.

BOWLING GREEN The Falcons were 6-4 last year and to give you an idea of how balanced the MAC is, they could only manage a fifth-place finish in the conference. Things should pick up this year. BG looks very strong in the offensive



JERRY COLLINS, Western Michigan

backfield with plenty of veterans returning. The leader is halfback Bob Zimpfer who gained 538 yards last year. He'll be joined by Ed Coletti or Fred Mathews. The quarterback spot is also set with P.J. Nyitray. Fullback Charles Radich is also back. Now if new coach Don Nehlen can come up with an offensive line to do some blocking, the Falcons might be making some trouble in the MAC. Defensively, BG is adequate. Adequacy on defense, plus some touch-

downs, may equal a winning season.

KENT STATE The Golden Flash-es will be depending on their defense to get them a winning season. New coach Dave Puddington is switching from last year's wing T to a wide-open I. That means new assignments and that means trouble. And that's why the defense will be so important. The best defensive man is Jim Corrigan, a 6-3, 232-pound tackle who made All-MAC last year. He'll be heading a unit which has lettermen back at every position. There are also nine offensive returnees but the new assignments neutralize their effectiveness.

MARSHALL The word on the Thundering Herd is that coach Perry Moss, in his first year as head coach, faces the same ten teams in 1968 that defeated Marshall in 1967. So, the word isn't too good. Moss does have 24 lettermen returning from the unvictorious Herd of last year. There's going to be a sophomore quarterback, Don Swisher, and almost a whole new offensive line. That's called rebuilding, and it means Marshall will be in for another rough year.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREVIEW

By AL SILVERMAN



DONNY ANDERSON, No. 44, Green Bay Packers

**The old order changeth not.
It's Green Bay again in the West,
trailed ferociously by the
Colts and Rams. And Dallas in the
East, with Cleveland a threat**



EXPECT NO RADICAL upsetting of the balance of power in the NFL this year. The rich get richer. Green Bay, though spotted with aging veterans and with a new head coach, should still have enough to hold off all challengers in its division and then persevere against the Baltimore Colts, our choice to edge the Rams in the Coastal Division. The Packers should then go on to beat the Eastern Conference winners—who else but the Dallas Cowboys? Dallas is easily the best in the East, but Cleveland should win again in the Century Division. No surprises, see. No surprises in attendance, either, which will keep climbing.

WESTERN CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION

GREEN BAY The last name is spelled Bengtson (t before s) not Lombardi, but it won't mean a thing to the Packer players, who will be happy putting out for new head coach Phil Bengtson. It is said, in fact, that certain veteran players marched up to Vinnie Lombardi one day when they heard he was considering naming a midwestern college coach as the Packer head coach. Nothing doing, they supposedly said. Give us Bengtson or give us death. They got Bengtson.

In turn, Bengtson's got a group of pros that should allow him an occasional half-smile. The offensive line, with Ken Bowman at center (and Bob Hyland moving up fast), Gale Gillingham and author Jerry Kramer the guards (*Instant Replay* is the title of Jerry's new book), and Bob Skoronski and Forrest Gregg, plus Francis Peay, at the tackles is a mercenary army in itself. Tight end was a weak spot last year, so naturally the Packers went for a No. 1 draft choice, Fred Carr of Texas at El Paso, who could play tight end and make incumbent Marv Fleming do an extra push-up or two in training camp. Quarterback Bart Starr still has Boyd Dowler and Carroll Dale as his chief receivers, though halfback Donny Anderson may move into flanker in certain situations. Anderson is also the chief running threat, but don't forget speedy Travis Williams, who's coming speedily, too. Incidentally, a sound Bart Starr (which he wasn't for most of last year) should make the Packers that much more untouchable.

Defensively, the Packers are most untouchable—they led the league in seven defensive categories last year. Willie Davis is growing old grace-

fully at end, and he has plenty of help from his partners on the front four—Lionel Aldridge, Ron Kostelnik and Henry Jordan. The line-backers are the best trio this side of Icarus—Ray Nitschke in the middle, Dave Robinson and Lee Roy Caffey outside. And where's the weak spot in the secondary, with Herb Adderley and Bob Jeter at the corners, Tom Brown and Willie Wood at safeties? A tough, tough team.

CHICAGO Jim Dooley is the new man in Chicago and watch the Bears' morale take a great leap forward. Dooley's a guy the players can communicate with. And that alone should help the club improve its 7-6-1 record of a year ago.

Of course, can any team be too bad with a Gale Sayers in its lineup? Sayers is the greatest runner in pro football and Dooley plans to use him on the flank on occasion too, on those second-and-one or third-and-two situations. If the defense

bunches for the run—wham—Jack Concannon goes to Sayers for the bomb. Concannon is an improving quarterback. He has a fine arm but still doesn't think quickly enough under pressure. That'll come along. Concannon's receivers are ordinary except for . . . Sayers. But Gale



MEL FARR, Detroit Lions

could use some help at running back. Right now the best man is Concannon himself. Fullback could be Brian Piccolo, Andy Livingston, veteran Ronnie Bull or the rookie from Southern Cal, Mike Hull. None come close to Sayers. The big man on a still green offensive line is 260-pound George Seals, who was unhappy last year but may be happy enough under Dooley to make all-league.

Defense is sound but not overpowering. Up front, Frank Cornish is the big one (big? he's 6-6, 285) at left tackle. Linebacking is a problem on the corners but not in the middle where Dick Butkus will be of all-league caliber for years to come. The defensive secondary is excellent with Curtis Gentry and Bennie McRae at the corners, Richie Petitbon the strong safety, Roosevelt Taylor the free safety. McRae also moves in to linebacker on certain downs to give the Bears five defensive backs, a new wrinkle against the pass that more teams will be



RONNIE BULL, Chicago Bears

BART STARR, Green Bay Packers



DAVE OSBORN, Minnesota Vikings



BOB VOGEL, Baltimore Colts

adopting this year.

DETROIT Once again the Lions will fight it out for fourth place in the Central Division. Joe Schmidt did a fine job as a rookie coach (the Lions were 5-7-2 and should have been worse) but he was helped by some unexpected performances. For one, rookies Mel Farr and Lem Barney were sensational; Farr gained 860 yards on the ground and Barney picked off ten passes and ran three back for touchdowns to tie a league record. But will they continue to be so sensational? And what about halfback Nick Eddy, whose rookie season was ruined by a knee injury? The offensive line is questionable, too. Guard John Gordy, for instance, has a lot of things on his mind these days—he heads the NFL Players Association which is warring with the owners. One definite improvement has to be at quarterback. The Lions acquired Bill Munson from the Rams and Munson should step right in and do a professional job. His receivers, however, are an uncertain lot.

The defensive line is gutty but getting old. Alex Karras at tackle is one of the best, though. Linebacking is weak, but the secondary with Barney and Dick LeBeau at the corners,

Tommy Vaughn, Bruce Maher and Wayne Rasmussen at safeties, is hardly impoverished.

MINNESOTA Things are still in kind of a mess with the Vikings. Gary Cuozzo was obtained in the offseason to play quarterback, but the players think Joe Kapp, a veteran of Canadian football, will come on big. Two of the Vikings' best receivers, Red Phillips and Marlin McKeever, are gone, and that creates problems. Dave Osborn is no problem at running back—he's one of the league's best and finished second only to Leroy Kelly in rushing last year (972 yards)—but Clinton Jones is. Can the flop of '67 become the comeback kid of '68? Jones says he can. The offensive line is seasoned, with all-league Mick Tingelhoff the hub at center. One rookie will brighten coach Bud Grant's life. He's Ron Yary of USC, who was picked No. 1 in the draft. He'll play either offensive tackle or guard.

Defensively, it's fine up front. Carl Eller and Jim Marshall are proficient ends, though neither has quite lived up to his potential; but second-year man Alan Page did live up to his as a rookie tackle. Linebacking is extremely weak and the secondary isn't much better.

COASTAL DIVISION

BALTIMORE The Colts play in the league's toughest division and still lost only one game last year. They may lose more in '68, but chances are their chief rivals will, too, because the league is a little better balanced. Whatever happens, the Colts do seem to be a bit stronger than they were in '67.

This new strength is seen in several areas. In the offseason coach Don Shula picked up a runner, Tim Brown, and if Brown is injury free and has a healthy attitude he could help the Colts immeasurably. For John Unitas has had difficulty establishing a running game; Tom Matte, Jerry Hill and Tony Lorick just aren't fast and strong enough. Look for ex-Olympic sprinter Henry Carr to get a shot on offense. Carr was a flop as a defensive back for the Giants, but who knows? One area Unitas doesn't have to worry about are his receivers. His old pal, Raymond Berry, has retired, but Ray Perkins looks like a more than adequate replacement and Willie Richardson came on strong last year. Unitas also has the best tight end in the game in John Mackey. As for Unitas himself, you just take him for granted despite his 35 years.

He'll get good protection from a young and steady offensive line led by tackles Sam Ball and Bob Vogel. The one old-timer, 35-year-old center Dick Szymanski, may lose his job to Bill Curry, who played linebacker last year.

The Colts' defense in '67 yielded fewer touchdowns (20) than any team in the league and it's a fine blend of youth and experience. Up front Bubba Smith is shifting from tackle to end, with veterans Fred Miller, Billy Ray Smith and Ordell Braase filling out the unit. Linebacking is a bit of a question mark with Dennis Gaubatz in the middle the lone good one. The defensive backfield, which intercepted 32 passes to tie the Rams for the NFL lead, is in beautiful shape, featuring Bobby Boyd and tough Lenny Lyles at the corners and Jerry Logan and good-looking second-year man Rick Volk at the safeties.

LOS ANGELES Can the Rams do it again? Well, they've got the same hosses as last year and if their luck holds out and if they can keep fairly free of injuries, and if . . . And that's why they're being picked behind Baltimore. They seem to have more *ifs* than the Colts.

Certainly the defense isn't iffy at all, especially the league's finest and most celebrated front four, the Fear-

some Foursome. Deacon Jones, Merlin Olsen, Roger Brown and Lamar Lundy are all ballet masters, and make room for Rosey Grier, back from his Achilles tendon injury. Head coach George Allen did an impressive job in rebuilding his linebacking team, which had been the Rams' weak link; last year his trio led the league's linebackers in interceptions with ten. Jack Pardee picked off six and defensive signal-caller Maxie Baughan four. The middle spot will be a battle between Doug Woodlief and Myron Pottios. The defensive backfield is just a hair behind Baltimore's in quality. Clancy Williams and Irv Cross are the cornerbacks and Chuck Lamson and Eddie Meador the safeties.

Offensively, it was a Roman Holiday for the Rams. Roman Gabriel threw a club-record 25 touchdown passes and was tremendous in the clutch in his first big year as a pro. Can he have another one? Certainly, his strength and durability and ability to run out of trouble complemented his passing, and helped his offensive line, too, though Charlie Cowan, Joe Carollo, Ken Iman, Joe Scibelli, and Tom Mack and Don Chuy are all steady ones. Gabriel has competent pass receivers, headed by Bernie Casey and Jack Snow, and competent if not overpowering runners in Les Josephson and vet-

eran Dick Bass. The only real problem with the Rams seems to be depth and that's why they must have luck to go the distance.

SAN FRANCISCO Last year we picked the 49ers to win this division. It was embarrassing. This year we're playing it cool, so will new coach Dick Nolan. He has to.

Defense is the particular problem confronting Nolan, whose specialty happens to be defense. He has to improve the front four, now manned by Clark Miller, Stan Hindman, Roland Lakes and Charlie Krueger. He has to improve his linebackers, except for all-league outside backer Dave Wilcox. He has to steady his secondary; Kermit Alexander and Al Randolph are the best back there.

All this is bad enough, but the offense ain't so hot, either. Dave Parks, all-league split end two years ago, played out his option. If he goes elsewhere, it will leave Sonny Randle, Kay McFarland, Dick Witcher and the veteran Monty Stickles at tight end (he could lose his job to second-year man Bob Windsor). John Brodie, the expensive quarterback, was a disappointment last year and he will be challenged strongly by George Mira and maybe Steve Spurrier. The offensive line and the running attack used to be the 49ers' biggest asset, but both

DAVE WILCOX, San Francisco 49ers



MERLIN OLSEN, Los Angeles Rams

are question marks now. All-league guard John Thomas is recovering from knee surgery, and Bruce Bosley is a 13-year vet. Howard Mudd is a good one, though, at guard, and No. 1 draft choice Forrest Blue of Auburn will fit in somewhere. Last year backs Ken Willard, Gary Lewis and Doug Cunningham all suffered injuries, and that left veteran John David Crow as the big man. What happens this year only knows Nolan.

ATLANTA The usual expansion blues continue at Atlanta and coach Norb Hecker knows he is still light years away from fielding a contender.

Every team needs a take-charge quarterback and the Falcons don't have one. It may yet be Randy Johnson, but he still has not established his credentials. Consequently, he will be pressed by Terry Nofsinger and Ron VanderKelen (obtained from Minnesota). Of course a quarterback needs help. He must have good receivers and Atlanta, aside from veteran Tommy McDonald, does not have particularly good ones. A quarterback also has to have a strong running attack and, save for Junior Coffey, the strong runners just aren't there. And a quarterback needs an adequate offensive line and Atlanta's is woefully inadequate.

Defensively, Hecker has no worries at middle linebacker. Tommy Nobis is the noblest Falcon of them all. But there are holes everywhere else.

EASTERN CONFERENCE CAPITOL DIVISION

DALLAS If only there was no Green Bay. The Cowboys are the unrealized dynasty of professional football, unrealized because they win all those big games year-in and year-out... except for that Ming dynasty from Lombardiland. But one of these days Tom Landry's juggernaut is finally going to juggle all the way.

Actually, the Cowboys are still a shade behind the Packers in quality, depth and maturity. Don Meredith, as good as he is, does not come up to the level of a Bart Starr. This is the main reason for the Cowboys' occasional disappointments. But he is good enough, a sound pro quarterback (and if he falters or is hurt the Cowboys have two excellent backup quarterbacks, Craig Morton and Jerry Rhome). Meredith does get enormous help from his supporting cast. He has a first-rate line in front of

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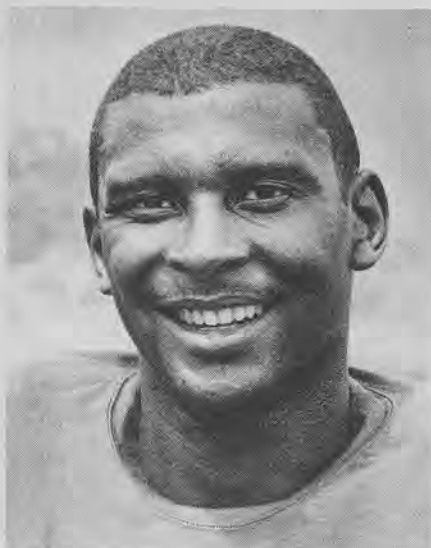
TOMMY NOBIS, Atlanta Falcons

him with Ralph Neely and Tony Liscio at the tackles and John Niland and Leon Donohue the guards. (Dave Manders, the center, missed all of last season and remains an enigma.) He has two fine running backs in Don Perkins and the all-purpose Dan Reeves, with young Craig Baynham coming on. And he has excellent receivers in Reeves, Bob Hayes and Lance Rentzel. And watch No. 1 draft choice, Dennis Homan of Alabama.

As good as that offense is, the defense is perhaps even stronger. The front four of Jethro Pugh, Willie Townes, Bob Lilly and George Andrie is still a shade below Green Bay's and a shade and a half below the Rams', but this is a younger unit than that of either Green Bay or Los Angeles and in a year or two it could stand alone. Linebacking is firm with Chuck Howley and Dave Edwards at the corners and Lee Roy Jordan in the middle. Cornell Green is the big man in the fine secondary and he has staunch allies out there in Mel Renfro, Mike Johnson and Mike Gaechter.

WASHINGTON This is a team of individual stars with severe weaknesses in certain areas and a lack of cohesion throughout.

The biggest individual stars on the Skins are quarterback Sonny Jurgensen and receiver Charley Taylor, and that makes the Skins' passing game the most potent in football. Jurgensen led the NFL in passing last year and set a single-season record of 3747 yards. Taylor, a devastating runner *after* he catches the ball, led the league with 70 receptions. And the defense couldn't gang up on him because tight end Jerry Smith and flanker Bobby Mitchell finished second and fourth in the league with 67 and 60 catches, re-



HOMER JONES, New York Giants

spectively. That's some gang. The offensive line has no individual heroes but tackles Mitch Johnson and Jim Snowden, guards Ray Schoenke and Vince Promuto and center Len Hauss form a solid unit. That leaves the runners. What runners? Second-year man Ray McDonald still has to prove himself and the others all seem losers.

But offense is heavenly compared to defense. Improvement must be made on a unit that finished 15th in the league last year, and improvements seem to have been made. Especially in the defensive secondary, which was pure Jello last year. The Skins picked up Jim Burson and Pat Fischer from the Cardinals, and their No. 1 draft choice, Jim Smith of Oregon, was supposedly the best college defensive back in the nation last year. Ron Snidow, Carl Kammerer, Joe Rutgens and Walter Barnes comprise a front four that's not too troublesome. But linebackers are practically nonexistent ex-



CHUCK HOWLEY, Dallas Cowboys

cept at the right corner where Chris Hanburger frightens people. Oh, yes. The Skins have Gary Beban now, too. He will learn his trade well under Jurgy and coach Otto Graham, a super quarterback in his day.

NEW YORK This is a team of individual stars with severe weakness in certain areas and a lack of cohesion throughout . . . Whoa, we just said that about Washington. Well, it's true about New York, too, except their stars don't shine quite as bright as Washington's, and there aren't as many, and that's why they fit below the Redskins.

The stars of course are scramblin' quarterback Fran Tarkenton and madcap receiver Homer Jones. Ernie Koy at fullback is a near-star and all-round end Joe Morrison is an unsung star. After that, you have to start lookin'.

Coach Allie Sherman's big problems are up front, offensively and defensively. The offensive line did begin to jell in '67 with Greg Larson at center, Pete Case and Darrell Dess at guards. But that leaves big holes at tackles, which Willie Young, Charlie Harper, rookie Rich Buzin and ex-Packer Steve Wright will have to fill. The defensive line is in poorer shape. Tackle Bob Lurtsema is the best and every other position is a question mark. Linebacking is coming along now that the Giants have Tommy Crutcher from Green Bay. Ken Avery and Bill Swain are comers. The secondary is in good shape with Scott Eaton a big surprise as a rookie last year, and Spider Lockhart, a fine safety.

PHILADELPHIA Internal financial problems heighten the Eagles' external problems on the field. Owner Jerry Wolman is fighting to keep his club and coach Joe Kuharich is

hoping he does, otherwise he'll most likely lose his cushion. But Kuharich has his own worries.

The front four was ineffective last year and put increased pressure on an undermanned defensive secondary. The addition of Alvin Haymond from Baltimore should help this unit, which will be further helped if Al Nelson comes back strong from a broken arm. Linebackers Mike Morgan, Dave Lloyd and Harold Wells are mostly ordinary.

Kingpin of the offense is quarterback Norm Snead, who had his best season ever in '67. Snead's performance (240 completions for 3399 yards and 29 touchdown passes) can further be appreciated when you consider that he had to operate behind a severely injured offensive line. But he did have excellent receivers in Ben Hawkins, Gary Ballman and Mike Ditka. If all stay sound in '68 (Ditka and Ballman had on-and-off hurts) the passing attack should be even stronger. The running game will not be stronger, however, unless Kuharich can find help for run-

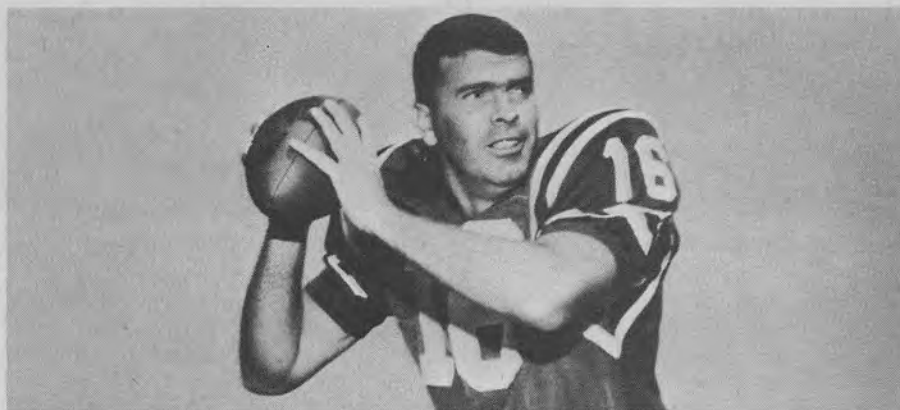
ning backs Tom Woodeshick and Izzy Lang. Perhaps Cyril Pinder, a rookie from Illinois, will provide that help.

CENTURY DIVISION

CLEVELAND Unhappiness . . . Dissension . . . Cliques . . . That was supposed to be the story with the Browns and yet the dissatisfied le-

gion won a division title. With a little more satisfaction in the ranks, the Browns should do better this year.

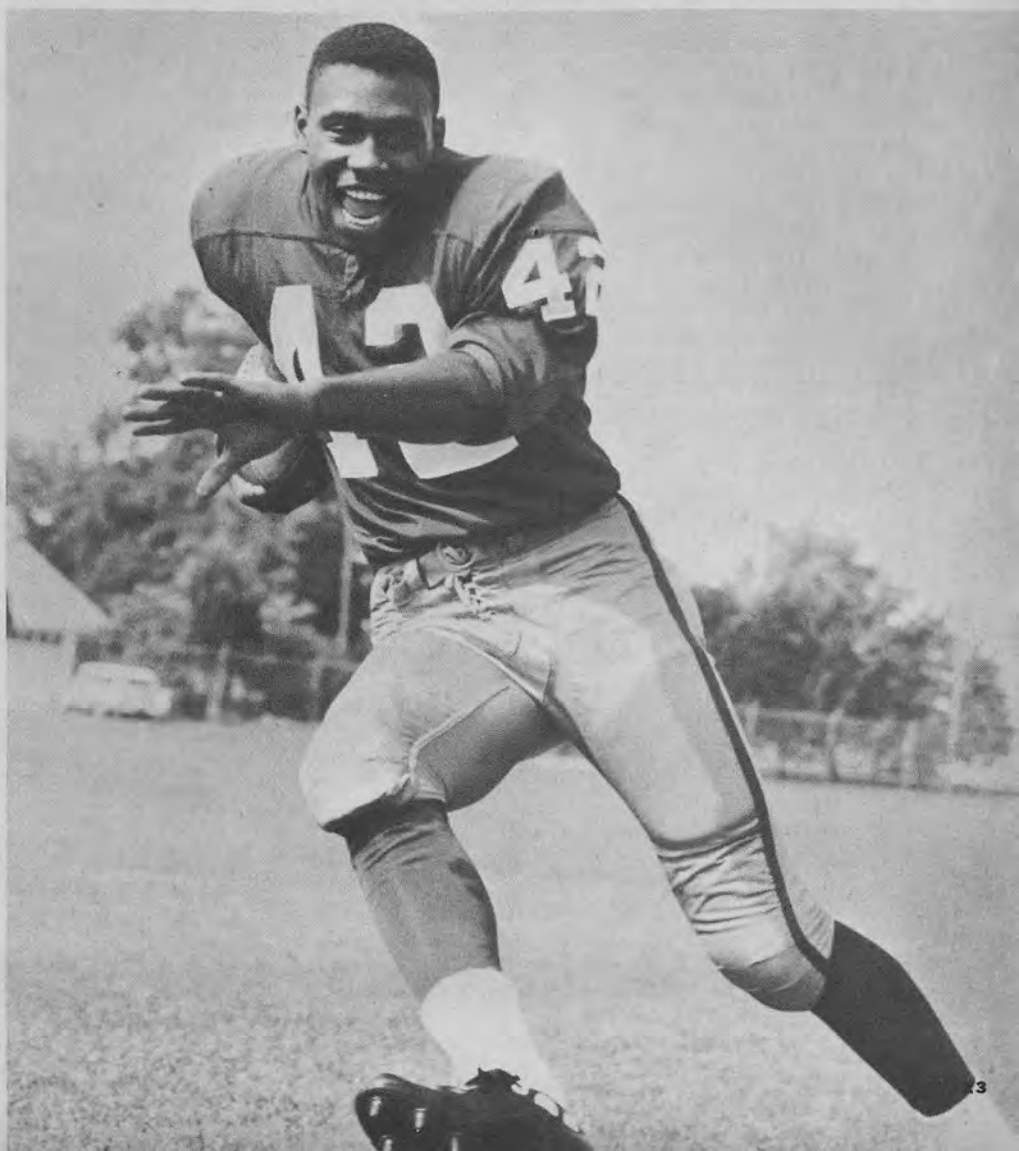
One unhappy ballplayer last year was Leroy Kelly, who played out his option . . . and ran for 1205 yards, quite good enough to lead the league. What will a happy Leroy Kelly do this year? Last season, quarterback Frank Ryan was unhappy, too, because he suffered injury after



NORM SNEAD, Philadelphia Eagles



BILL GLASS, Cleveland Browns



CHARLEY TAYLOR, Washington Redskins



JOHNNY ROLAND, St. Louis Cardinals



CLENDON THOMAS, Pittsburgh Steelers



JIM TAYLOR, New Orleans Saints

injury. Yet Ryan still threw for over 2000 yards and 20 touchdowns. This year, if he gets hurt, the Browns can afford to rest him. They picked up a fine backup man from Pittsburgh, Bill Nelsen. But Ryan and Kelly are not alone . . . any . . . longer. Nor were they ever because Ernie Green is a fine running back in his own right and Paul Warfield and Gary Collins are top-rate receivers. And with a healthy tight end in Milt Morin, the Browns will be healthy all-round offensively. The offensive line is veteran-tight with Dick Schafrath, John Wooten, Gene Hickerson, Monte Clark, along with second-year center Fred Hoaglin.

Defense, unfortunately, is a bit loose and coach Blanton Collier is worried. End Paul Wiggin and linebacker Johnny Brewer have retired and that leaves big holes. Collier's hopeful that Marvin Upshaw, drafted from Trinity University in Texas, is half as good as his brother, Gene, who made it big with Oakland. If so, he'll take Wiggin's place. Bill Glass is the other end. Tackles—Jim Kanicki and Walter Johnson—are young and good. Brewer's linebacking spot will be taken by Bob Matheson, if he isn't taken by the Army. Jim Houston and Dale Lindsey are the other linebackers and the middle slot could be stronger. The defensive backfield is all veteran with Mike Howell, Erich Barnes, Ernie Kellerman and Ross Fichtner.

ST. LOUIS The last two years the Cardinals should have won division titles, and they didn't. This year they shouldn't—so look out.

They shouldn't because they've lost some good men: linebacker Bill Koman has retired; linebacker Larry

Stallings may still be in the Army; running backs Prentice Gault and Bill Thornton are retired; defensive backs Jim Burson and Pat Fischer are gone. Plus you keep hearing rumors of dissension among some of the black players. Coach Charley Winner has his hands full, but first he'll try to shape up that defense. Chuck Walker, Sam Silas, Joe Robb and Don Brumm should give the Cardinals that good pass rush, but linebacking is wide open. Dave Meggesy may move into Koman's spot, Jerry Hillebrand for Stallings. The middle, at least, is set with Dale Meinert. Burson's place in the secondary will be taken by the man he was traded for, Lonnie Sanders. Larry Wilson and Jerry Stovall are still good and true safeties.

The situation on offense is much better. Jim Hart looks like a quarterback who will improve from year to year. Hart has a group of top receivers with Bobby Joe Conrad, Billy Gambrell, Dave Williams and the fine tight end, Jackie Smith. Johnny Roland, of course, leads the running brigade, with Roy Shivers, Willis Crenshaw and perhaps top draft choice MacArthur Lane of Utah State. The offensive line is still one of the best with center Bob DeMarco, guards Irv Goode and Ken Gray, tackles Bob Reynolds and Ernie McMillan.

PITTSBURGH It's a continuous struggle for the Steelers to get out of a rut. Undermanned for years, the Steelers have had to make desperate trades to fill desperate holes and have lost top draft choices as a consequence. And they just never seem to be able to catch up. Surely, this doesn't look like a team that will

seriously challenge anyone.

Offense is very thin, though Kent Nix seems to have the makings of a competent quarterback, and perhaps Don Shy will come on as a runner. The best (should we say *only*?) pass receiver is J.R. Wilburn, who caught 51 last year. The offensive line is ordinary, to say the least.

There is more strength in the defensive unit. Chuck Hinton is the best man up front and Bill Saul the best of the linebackers. The secondary, coach Bill Austin's pride, has a number of good ones—Marv Woodson, Paul Martha and a frequent all-league performer, Clendon Thomas.

NEW ORLEANS Maybe, in their second year of life, the Saints can overhaul Pittsburgh. That would be quite a feat, yet the Saints seem to have almost as much working capital as the Steelers.

If coach Tom Fears can do something about that offensive line, he might get better running performances from the likes of Jim Taylor, Ernie Wheelwright and Randy Schultz. No. 1 draft choice Kevin Hardy, who was a defensive stand-out at Notre Dame, will be tried at offensive tackle. Bill Kilmer is the No. 1 quarterback and he has fine young receivers, led by Dan Abramowicz.

The defense is less of a worry to Fears. Up front Doug Atkins provides experience at one side and Brian Schweda provides youth and fire at the other side. The tackles, Dave Rowe and Mike Tilleman, are both young and fiery. Linebacking is stacked with such vets as Ted Davis, Steve Stonebreaker and Jackie Burkett. Dave Whitsell is the best in a generally poor people's secondary.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 14 SATURDAY

Atlanta at Minnesota

SEPTEMBER 15 SUNDAY

Cleveland at New Orleans
Detroit at Dallas
New York at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at Green Bay
San Francisco at Baltimore
Washington at Chicago

SEPTEMBER 16 MONDAY

Los Angeles at St. Louis

SEPTEMBER 22 SUNDAY

Baltimore at Atlanta
Chicago at Detroit
Cleveland at Dallas
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
New York at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles
St. Louis at San Francisco
Washington at New Orleans

SEPTEMBER 29 SUNDAY

Atlanta at San Francisco
Baltimore at Pittsburgh
Chicago at Minnesota
Dallas at Philadelphia
Detroit at Green Bay
Los Angeles at Cleveland
St. Louis at New Orleans
Washington at New York

OCTOBER 5 SATURDAY

Pittsburgh at Cleveland

OCTOBER 6 SUNDAY

Chicago at Baltimore
Dallas at St. Louis
Green Bay at Atlanta
Minnesota at Detroit
New Orleans at New York
Philadelphia at Washington
San Francisco at Los Angeles

OCTOBER 13 SUNDAY

Baltimore at San Francisco
Detroit at Chicago
Los Angeles vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
Minnesota at New Orleans
New York at Atlanta
Philadelphia at Dallas
Pittsburgh at Washington
St. Louis at Cleveland

OCTOBER 20 SUNDAY

Atlanta at Los Angeles
Chicago at Philadelphia
Cleveland at Baltimore
Dallas at Minnesota
Green Bay at Detroit
New Orleans at Pittsburgh
San Francisco at New York
Washington at St. Louis

OCTOBER 27 SUNDAY

Atlanta at Cleveland
Los Angeles at Baltimore
Minnesota at Chicago
New Orleans at St. Louis
New York at Washington
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
San Francisco at Detroit

OCTOBER 28 MONDAY

Green Bay at Dallas

NOVEMBER 3 SUNDAY

Baltimore at New York
Chicago at Green Bay
Cleveland at San Francisco
Dallas at New Orleans
Detroit at Los Angeles
Pittsburgh at Atlanta
St. Louis at Philadelphia
Washington at Minnesota

NOVEMBER 10 SUNDAY

Baltimore at Detroit
Green Bay at Minnesota
Los Angeles at Atlanta
New Orleans at Cleveland
New York at Dallas
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
San Francisco at Chicago
Washington at Philadelphia

NOVEMBER 17 SUNDAY

Atlanta at Chicago
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Dallas at Washington
Detroit at Minnesota
Los Angeles at San Francisco
New Orleans vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
Philadelphia at New York
St. Louis at Baltimore

NOVEMBER 24 SUNDAY

Atlanta at St. Louis
Dallas at Chicago
Green Bay at Washington
Minnesota at Baltimore

New Orleans at Detroit
New York at Los Angeles
Philadelphia at Cleveland
San Francisco at Pittsburgh

NOVEMBER 28 THURSDAY (Thanksgiving)

Philadelphia at Detroit
Washington at Dallas

DECEMBER 1 SUNDAY

Atlanta at Baltimore
Chicago at New Orleans
Green Bay at San Francisco
Los Angeles at Minnesota
New York at Cleveland
St. Louis at Pittsburgh

DECEMBER 7 SATURDAY

Baltimore at Green Bay

DECEMBER 8 SUNDAY

Chicago at Los Angeles
Cleveland at Washington
Detroit at Atlanta
Minnesota at San Francisco
New Orleans at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at Dallas
St. Louis at New York

DECEMBER 14 SATURDAY

Cleveland at St. Louis

DECEMBER 15 SUNDAY

Baltimore at Los Angeles
Detroit at Washington
Dallas at New York
Green Bay at Chicago
Minnesota at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at New Orleans
San Francisco at Atlanta

DECEMBER 21 SATURDAY

Eastern Conference Championship (Century vs. Capitol) at Century Division Champion.

DECEMBER 22 SUNDAY

Western Conference Championship (Central vs. Coastal) at Coastal Division Champion.

DECEMBER 29 SUNDAY

NFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
HOME CITY OF EASTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPION.



TOM MANKE, No. 15, Washington



FAR WEST

USC should repeat as the AAWU champion, but not without a strong fight from UCLA and/or Oregon State

AAWU

USC When you analyze this year's Trojans you can see potential trouble spots. But when you look at Southern Cal's record in the eight years John McKay's been head coach, you forget all the nit-picking and, like Pavlov's dogs, automatically pick them to finish on top again. The rest of the AAWU has been conditioned to think the same thing.

Last year the national and AAWU champion Trojans finished 10-1, climaxing the season with a victory over Indiana in the Rose Bowl. Amazingly, it was pretty much of a ho-hum, what-else-is-new season. In eight years under McKay, Southern Cal has won two national titles, two Rose Bowls in three appearances and four AAWU championships. How do you pick against them, even with the loss of several of their stars?

Seven defensive starters are gone, including All-Americans Tim Rosso-vich and Adrian Young, at end and linebacker, respectively. Among the four missing offensive starters are tackle Ron Yary, another All-America and the No. 1 pick in the pro draft, and end Earl McCullough. But there's plenty coming back.

Heading the returning veterans is, of course, Orenthal James Simpson, the All-Universe halfback. Other potential standouts are linebacker Jim Snow, safety Mike Battle, who led the country in punt-return yardage and intercepted five passes, and defensive end Jim Gunn, who sounds like he should be a quarterback.

Quarterback is a touchy subject with McKay. Last year's starter, Steve Sogge, is back but may sign a professional baseball contract. Sogge completed 75 of 151 passes

for 1032 yards and seven touchdowns, which nicely balanced the threat O.J. poses. The possible loss of Sogge is one of the potential trouble spots.

Another is the health of flanker Jim Lawrence, who had knee surgery after the 3-0 loss to Oregon State last year. If he can't come back USC will be forced to go with an untried player at that spot.

Which brings up the third potential danger—inexperience, particularly in the defense. "Our talent is good, but young talent is prone to mistakes which are costly in major-college football," McKay said. But the Trojans have won championships before with young teams. And they've got O.J.

UCLA The Bruins finished 7-2-1 last year, losing a heartbreaking 21-20 decision to rival Southern Cal that cost them the AAWU championship. They've lost Gary Beban, the Heisman Award-winning quarterback, and 13 other starters, but like Southern Cal, the Bruins have a tradition of being at or near the top every year, no matter who is missing.

Returning regulars are fullback Rick Purdy and halfback Greg Jones from the offense, and tackle Hal Griffin, guard Larry Agajanian and halfback Mark Gustafson from the defense. Others back who saw considerable playing time are linebacker Mike Ballou, tackles Vince Bischof and Gordon Bosserman, defensive end Kim Griffith, and guard Floyd Reese. Junior Bill Bolden has looked promising at quarterback.

In all, there are 27 returning lettermen, but only ten are seniors on the 71-man squad. The biggest weakness is the offensive line, where

UCLA must replace six of seven starters lost. Replacements probably will be found; they always have been.

OREGON STATE The Beavers have a strong chance to end the Los Angeles domination of the AAWU championship. Last year's team, which was 7-2-1 and tied with UCLA for second place, is largely this year's team. The backfield of quarterback Steve Preece, halfback Don Summers, wingback Bill Main and fullback "Earthquake" Enyart has returned, as has All-America guard Jon Sandstrom, tackle Jess Lewis and center John Didion. In all, Oregon State lost only 11 of 48 lettermen and only five of 22 starters. Led by Earthquake's 854 yards, the four returning backs rushed for 2415 yards and 20 touchdowns last year. If the passing game improves and some line holes are filled, the Beavers should be

busy, indeed.

WASHINGTON Last year the Huskies played .500 ball, 5-5 and a tie for third place in the AAWU. Look for improvement if the line can be bolstered. In quarterback Tom Manke, who led the Huskies



JON SANDSTROM, Oregon State

in passing, rushing and total offense last season, wingback Jim Cope, who can run, catch and return kicks, fullback Gary James and halfback Carl Wojciechowski, the Huskies have a potentially explosive offense. So if help can be found for guard Jim Harris, end Ken Ballenger, tackle Bob Schoepper, linebackers George Jugum and Clyde Werner and defensive ends Otis Washington and Tom Verti, they could be a factor in the Association race. In all, 26 of 41 lettermen are back to provide the raw material in the search to fill the holes. Washington appears on the upswing.

STANFORD The Indians finished 5-5 for the third straight season last year, winding up tied for third in the Association, but this season they appear to have the material to get off the .500 treadmill. There are 31 lettermen back, including seven defensive starters and ten from the of-

LARRY AGAJANIAN, UCLA



JIM SNOW, USC



GEORGE DAMES, Oregon

fense—enviable numbers. The best of the returnees are flanker Gene Washington, now a halfback, who caught 48 passes to lead the AAWU, end George Buehler, tackle Malcolm Snider, fullback Greg Broughton, linebacker Andy Carrigan, defensive back Dick Oliver, and defensive end Don Parish. Mark Marquess, the reserve quarterback last year, is battling Jim Plunkett, who didn't play last year, for the No. 1 signal-calling position. If just a few defensive positions are filled and one or both quarterbacks come through, Stanford should get over its 5-5 hangup.

CALIFORNIA There is reason for optimism at Cal, though it's controlled optimism. "This should be a much stronger team than any fielded at Cal in over a decade," says Sports Information Director Bob Steiner. Which means Cal will settle for anything that tops last year's 5-5 record.

A total of 31 returning lettermen, 16 of them starters, graduates of an undefeated freshman team, plus some nice-looking junior-college transfers are behind the Bears' smiles. Guard Ed White, a 250-pounder, is a standout and he'll be assisted by defensive ends Mike McCaffrey and Irby Augustine and safety Ken Weidemann on defense. Quarterback Randy Humphries, who blossomed in a 26-3 victory over rival Stanford at the end of the season, is joined by tailback Paul Williams, wingback Gary Fowler and fullback John McGaffie in what looks like a solid backfield. Califor-

nia might not be easy for anyone.

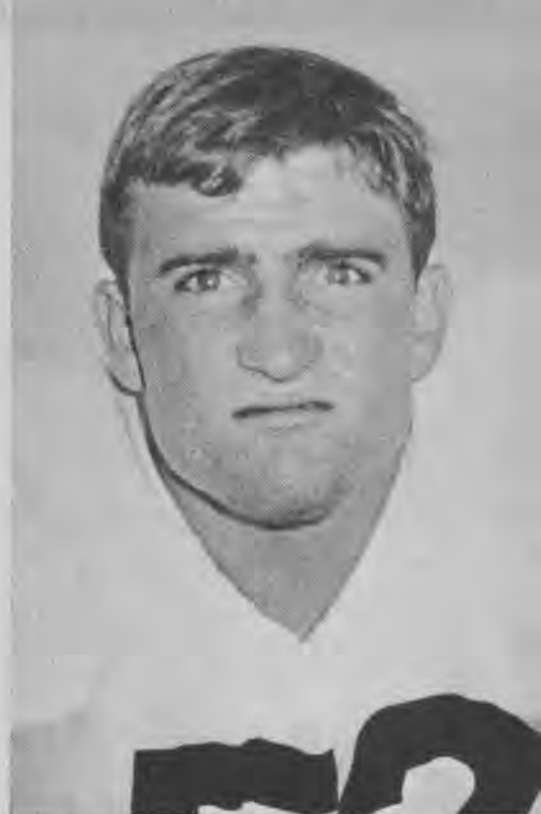
OREGON With an outstanding middle guard in George Dames, who is being touted as an All-America this season, Oregon hopes for better days. Dames is not the only good one on the '68 special. Other impressive returnees among the 35 lettermen are running backs Claxton Welch and Jim Evenson, who gained 474 and 407 yards, respectively, last year, slotback Roger Smith (26 receptions for 402 yards), who leads a contingent of four experienced receivers, and seven offensive linemen who average a healthy 219 pounds. But while the offense, with the exception of quarterback, looks pretty solid, Dames must have help on defense, particularly at the tackles and ends, where depth and inexperience are problems. Three quarterbacks are fighting for that position, and the winner will obviously be a key to the Ducks' fortunes as they attempt to come back from last year's 2-8 record, which tied them for last in the AAWU.

WASHINGTON STATE The Cougars have 29 returning lettermen, but in this case there isn't too much comfort in numbers for first-year coach Jim Sweeney, who must pick the Cougars up from a 2-8 last-place tie in the Association. There is some cause to smile about the offense, where quarterbacks Jerry Henderson and Hank Grenda are back, along with fullback Del Carmichael and center Dave Harris. And Rich Olson, a transfer from a junior college, looks like he could beat both Henderson and Grenda out of a job. But defensively, Sweeney says he lacks both size and speed. Against the caliber of teams Washington will meet . . . ouch!

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

ARIZONA STATE Coach Frank Kush is worried. "We are loaded with veterans," he says, "but this can be a disadvantage if complacency sets in." On the same basis, Nelson Rockefeller ought to worry about his children. They might become wastrels. Outside of hidden psychological weaknesses, Arizona State seems pretty well set to move up one spot to the top of the WAC and end Wyoming's two-year hold on the championship.

Heading the list of eight offensive and nine defensive starters back from a team that finished 8-2, is linebacker Ron Pritchard, ASU's All-America candidate. Other potential standouts returning are quarterback



RON PRITCHARD, Arizona State

Ed Roseborough, safety Wes Plummer and center George Hummer. They and all the other veterans on the squad should ease the loss of people like guard Curley Culp, an All-America, end Ken Dyer (39 catches for 654 yards) and fullback Max Anderson, whose 1224 yards ranked third nationally in rushing.

Two new teams Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and Colorado State, have been added to the WAC this season, so coaches are being even more tight-lipped than usual about predicting a winner. "The potential is here for a fine club . . . but in this conference any team can win it," Kush says. Any team looks like Arizona State.

UTEP The Miners could be "tougher to handle than a sheep near a dipping factory," says Sports Information Director Eddie Mullens—if they get off to a good start. They were good almost all last year, finishing 7-2-1.

Brooks Dawson, who threw 15 touchdown passes in five games last year, is one of 32 lettermen back. He'll have a solid, experienced offensive line to work behind, and halfback Paul White or fullback Gene Childs to hand off to. There is little depth at the receiving spots. Last year the Miners finished first nationally in scoring and passing and eighth in total offense. That's a tough act to follow, but they could approach those figures again.

The main problem on defense is filling linebacker, end and strong

safety vacancies. Gene Mack looks like the end and Jim Fabish has moved from cornerback to strong safety, which opened up a job for Leon Harden at Fabish's old position. Jerry Waddles looks like the needed linebacker as soon as he recovers from a broken hand. Featuring a better-balanced offense, thanks to a stronger running game, the Miners could strike gold in their first WAC season.

WYOMING The Cowboys were undefeated in ten games last year until a season-ending loss to LSU in the Sugar Bowl. They've lost six offensive starters, including their entire backfield, six defensive starters, four up front and two All-WAC cornerbacks, and place kicker deluxe Jerry DePoyster, whose toe alone accounted for three victories. "That's a lot of people to lose," moaned coach Lloyd Eaton. "Look at it from any angle and you'll see that this has got to be a rebuilding year."

But all is not bleak. Thirty lettermen are back, including such potentially outstanding ones as split end Gene Huey, linebacker Jim House, tackle Larry Nels and middle guard Steve Adamson. But there are too many question marks for Wyoming to make it three WAC titles in a row.

ARIZONA In its second year under coach Darrell Mudra, Arizona expects better days ahead, certainly

better days than last season's 3-6-1 fifth-place finish in the WAC. "We should have better morale because the staff and the players have been together for a year," Mudra says. "We also expect to have quite a bit more speed both offensively and defensively."

Heading a list of six offensive and eight defensive starters back are tackle Tom Nelson, linebacker Gary Klahr, guard Mike Moody, fullback Dave Barajas, halfback Noki Fuimano and tackle Rex Macklin. Quarterback Mark Driscoll is one of a number of nice-looking sophomores. "We expect to have a good team," Mudra says. Arizona will be better, but not yet a strong contender.

BRIGHAM YOUNG BYU will be in football kindergarten this season. "We've lost too many veterans, especially the seasoned linemen, to have the kind of experience needed to be a contender," said coach Tommy Hudspeth. The Cougars finished 6-4 and in third place in the WAC last year, and seem unlikely to duplicate those figures. The bright spots are quarterback, with Marc Lyons and Terry Sanford, and a fleet of good receivers. BYU will score some points, but the lines, both on offense and defense, are questionable, and there is a lack of speed in the defensive secondary. Linebacker Craig Bozich is considered the Cougars' finest individual player by far, but

the team outlook isn't very bright.

UTAH The Redskins have all but 11 lettermen back from last year's team, which finished 4-7 and fourth in the WAC, and the returnees will be playing for new head coach Bill Meek. But unfortunately, the 11 missing men were bulwarks of the team, particularly quarterback Jack Gehrke and tailback Charley Smith, who together accounted for more than half the offensive yardage last season. The offensive line also has some gaping holes, but on the more positive side, eight of 11 defensive starters are back. Even there, however, optimism must be guarded. The vital defensive tackle spots were hardest hit.

The top returnees are split end Jack Andrews (38 catches for 452 yards), tight end Jim Rees (17 catches for an average gain of 17.6 yards), center Kent Ramon, halfback Ray Groth, fullback Steve Molnar, who averaged 4.3 yards per carry, defensive ends Norm McBride and Gary Kerl, defensive backs Leon Paulos, Bill Sopjes, Greg Soulds, Gary Barker and Larry Hinton, and the entire linebacking corps. Tim Collins, Gehrke's understudy last year, looks like the starting quarterback. With inexperience in vital spots, and the problem of adjusting to a new coach and a new system, the Redskins will be fighting to hold their own.

GENE HUEY
Wyoming



TOM NELSON, Arizona

CRAIG BOZICH, Brigham Young



BILL KISHMAN, Colorado State

NEW MEXICO Rudy Feldman is the Lobos' new coach, and he will be trying to raise the fangless Lobos from a 1-9 last-place WAC finish. "It is going to take us time to have a winning program," Feldman said. "Right now our problem is a lack of numbers." Only 42 players were out for spring practice. Seven of them started on offense last year and six on defense, but Feldman stressed that no one had a job sewed up.

New Mexico does have the makings of a potent passing attack with the return of the nation's No. 1 passer, Terry Stone (160 completions in 336 attempts for 1946 yards and nine touchdowns), and the No. 5 receiver, Ace Hendricks (67 catches, 1094 yards and six touchdowns). Dave Bookert, the top rusher last year, has also returned, giving the Lobos needed balance. The top linemen back look like guard Ron Meyer, tackle Woody Jones and defensive ends Dave Harris and Dan Silver. One of several weak spots is the defensive secondary, which is entirely inexperienced. Like Feldman said, it will take time to build up a successful program.

COLORADO STATE The Rams enter their first WAC season with 64 newcomers on a 94-man roster. Only

18 lettermen are back from last year's 4-5-1 team, among them quarterback Jerry Monteil, wingback Larry "Lemon Juice" Jackson, center Hi Becker, guard Doug Endres and tight end Dick Morgan, all offensive starters last year. Safeties Bill Kishman and Rod Downey and cornerback Earlie Thomas have returned from the regular defense, along with linebackers Tim Dennison, Wayne Williams and Bob Holcek. But only tackle Paul Springs is back from the defensive front four. There are critical holes in the offensive line, too, particularly at tackle. Safetyman Kishman, who is 6-2, 205, and runs the 40-yard dash in 4.8 seconds, is being pushed as an All-America candidate. But he doesn't have enough help. The Rams will not start their WAC record with a bang.

MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

UTAH STATE The Aggies experienced something of a miracle last season when coach Chuck Mills, in his first season, brought them out of the doldrums to a 7-2-1 record, coming within seven points of a perfect season. Mills may have a tough time following that act because he has lost a good part of his offensive line and almost his entire defense.

First, the bright spots, starting with the offensive backfield. Quarterback John Pappas (106 completions in 205 attempts for 1424 yards and 12 touchdowns) has returned and again has Mike O'Shea (41 catches, 599 yards) to throw to. The running also should be solid with the return of Altie Taylor (159 carries, 717 yards), and Frank Nunn (90 carries, 413 yards). However, both ends, a tackle and a guard are missing from the offensive line and must be replaced. On defense, it's easy to list the good returning veterans—tackle Phil Olsen, a 6-5, 250-pound baby brother of Ram All-Pro tackle Merlin Olsen, and safety Chuck Detwiler. "We are trying to put the parts together properly," Mills said. "We hope to have a solid squad—hope, I say!" Solid perhaps, but the Aggies don't figure to match the miracle of last season.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC The Tigers might better have been known as the Hospital of the Pacific last season, losing three halfbacks and three offensive guards to injuries. The losses were felt most keenly in the beginning and middle of the season when the team lost four of five games. But adjustments were made, some men returned, and



JOHN PAPPAS, Utah State

the Tigers finished by winning three of their last four. There is a feeling of guarded optimism this season, but with two big question marks: first, there are 35 junior college transfers on the squad who look good but have yet to be tested, and second, the schedule, which includes Stanford, Miami of Ohio, West Texas State and California, is extremely tough.

The top returning veterans from last year are quarterback Rand Bergstrom and halfbacks Tony Plummer and Cal Rogers, both injured last season. Jack Morrison, a 9.5 sprinter is back at flanker. In front of the backs are tackles Terry Vaughn and Dave Shawver, guards Andy Gerasimou and K.C. Mead and tight end Bob Adams, all returning veterans. On defense, the linebacking looks solid with the return of John Morrello and John Surbridge. Defensive ends Gary Scott and Steve Meier, halfbacks Rudy Redmond and Charles Alexander and tackle Bob Heinz, 6-6 and 260, are the other defensive veterans back. The most impressive of the transfers are fullback Al Namanny and offensive tackle Steve Oechel, 6-6 and 242 pounds. If they came through, the Tigers should at least be over .500.

BOB RUBIN

Tennessee and Alabama are tops in the SEC, Clemson in the ACC; and watch out for East Carolina and Independent Miami

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

TENNESSEE The graduation of All-America center Bob Johnson and quarterback Dewey Warren may prevent the Vols from duplicating last year's 9-1 record, good enough for a second-place national ranking. But an able replacement for Warren—Bubba Wyche's the name—and the return of practically the entire defensive unit, should enable Tennessee to take a second straight SEC title.

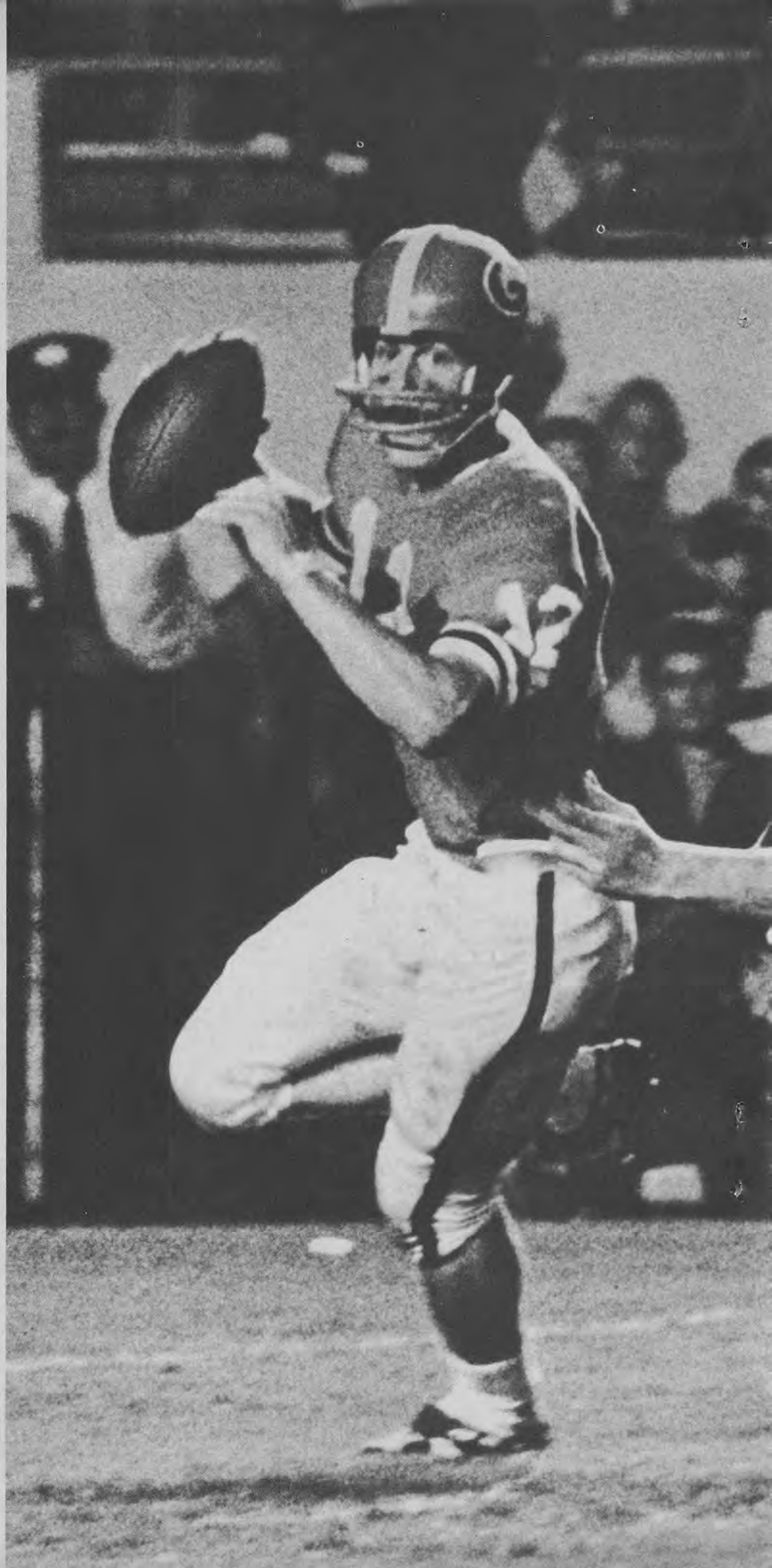
Wyche completed over half his passes last season, and directed clutch victories over Alabama and Georgia Tech. Since wingback speedster Richmond Flowers has decided to pass up football for the Olympics, Wyche will be throwing mostly to ends Ken DeLong and Terry Dalton. Fullback Richard Pickens will be doing most of the running; his 5.3 yards-per-carry was tops on last year's squad.

Keying the offensive line will be All-SEC guard Charles Rosenfelder, while Johnson's replacement at center will be sophomore Chip Kell, an incredibly strong boy who is the conference shotput champion.

Coach Doug Dickey's only problem on defense will be deciding who he should play among 17 returning lettermen from a '67 unit which gave up an average of only 11 points a game. Definite starters will be linebackers Jack Reynolds and Steve Kiner, conference Sophomore of the Year last season.

ALABAMA Last season's 8-1-1 record was the Tide's worst in nine years, a remarkable tribute to Bear Bryant-coached teams. And with the graduation of quarterback Kenny Stabler and All-America end Dennis Homan, it might appear that Alabama will continue to decline, perhaps losing even *two* games. But don't bet on it.

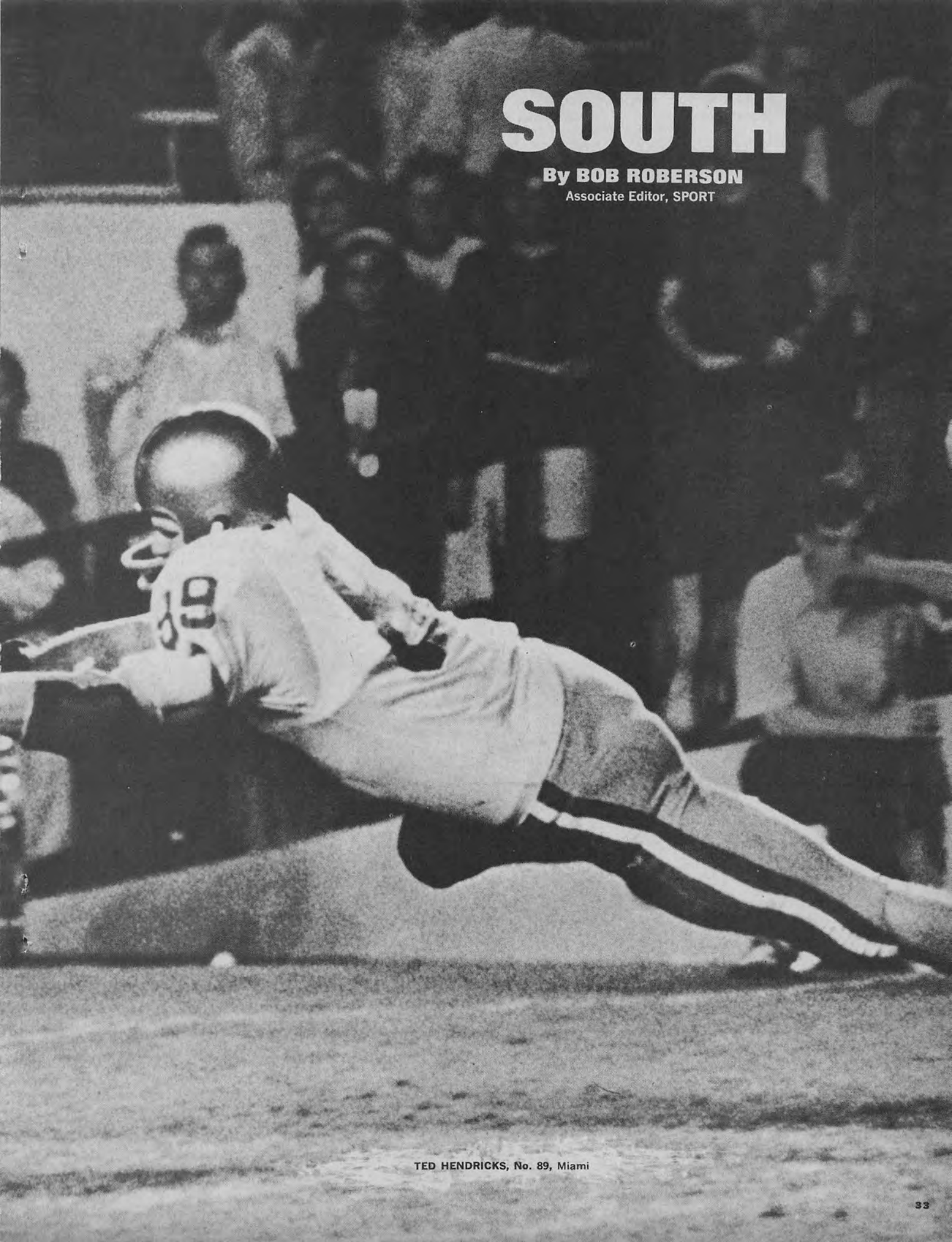
The Bear's running attack will be the strongest in years, mainly because of tailback Tommy Wade, fullback Pete Jilleba and two sophomore speedsters, Phil Chaffin and Larry Helm. Tight end Dennis Dix-



SOUTH

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TED HENDRICKS, No. 89, Miami

on is the only returning starter on the offensive line, but junior Alvin Samples, moved to guard from defensive tackle, should help bolster the front wall.

On defense, all-conference end Mike Ford leads the line, while two-year lettermen Bob Childs and Mike Hall are excellent linebackers. The backfield could be a problem, unless sophomores Buddy Seay and Bill Blair develop rapidly.

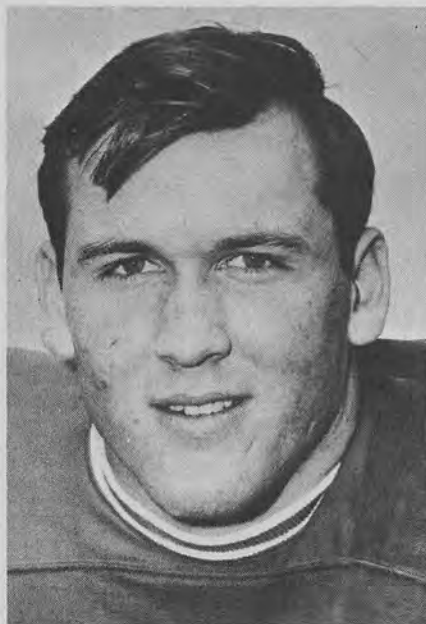
October 19 will be the most important day on Bear Bryant's calendar, because that's when Alabama meets Tennessee in a game which will probably decide the SEC championship.

FLORIDA In fullback Larry Smith, the Gators have the finest player in the conference. An excellent blocker, Smith has rushed for 16 touchdowns over the past two years, caught 37 passes for five TDs and has completed seven passes in as many attempts for 95 yards. "I believe that he will go down as one of the great all-around players in SEC history," says coach Ray Graves.

Joining Smith in the backfield will be last year's starting quarterback, Larry Rentz, and two lettermen, tailback Tom Christian and

wingback Guy McTheny. The veteran offensive line centers around all-conference guard Guy Dennis, a top pro prospect at 6-2, 252 pounds.

The defense should also be strong, with mammoth 6-6, 236-pound Jim Hadley at tackle and track star Steve Tannen in the backfield. A schedule which excludes both Tennessee and Alabama just might enable this



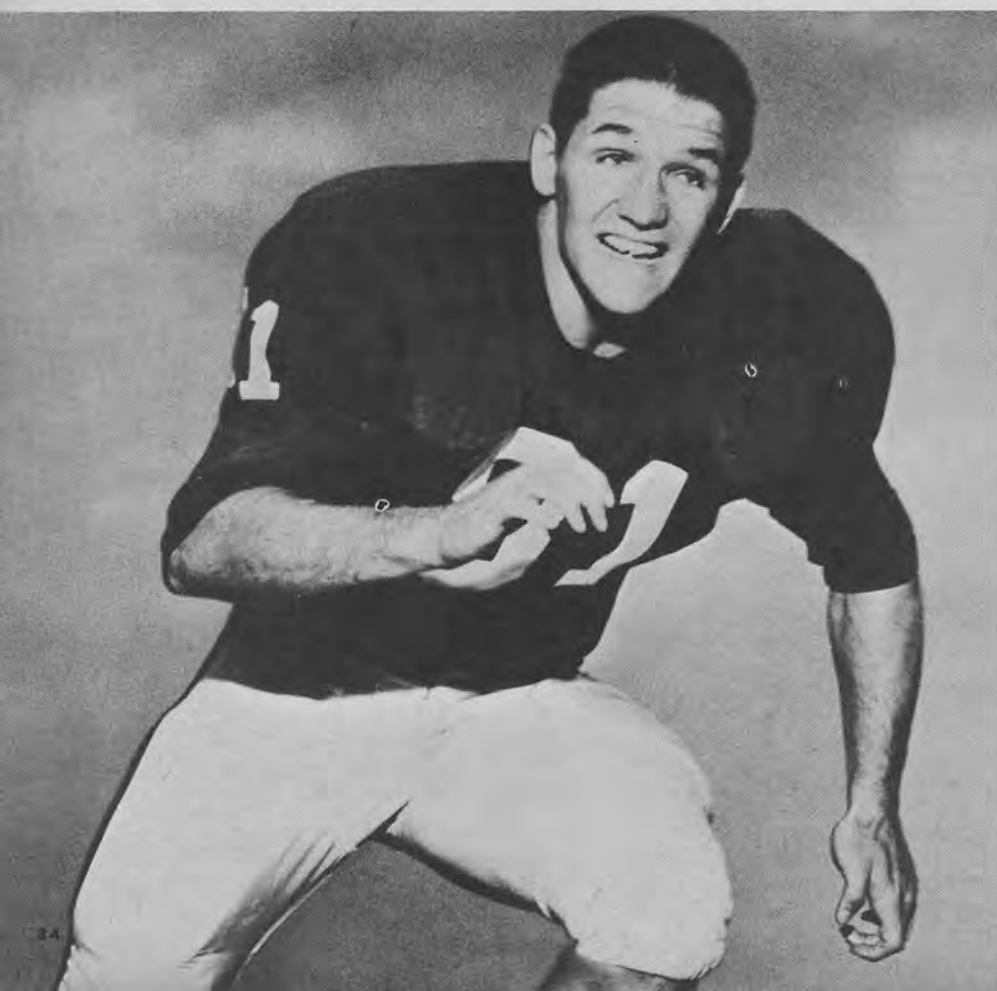
LARRY SMITH, Florida

strong Florida team to beat out those two for the SEC title.

LSU Several weak defensive positions and the lack of a top quarterback will prevent the Tigers from making a run at the SEC crown this year. The key to the defense could be the successful return of 1966 all-conference linebacker George Bevan, who sat out last season with an injury. Bolstering the secondary will be small (5-11, 175 pounds) but tough Barton Frye.

Coach Charley McClendon's running game will be strong, including tailback Tommy Allen, last season's leading ground-gainer, and Glenn Smith, who replaced the injured Allen in the Tigers' 20-13 Sugar Bowl victory over Wyoming and was named the game's top performer. Also back is fullback Eddie Ray, the country's fifth-leading punter last year, and end Tommy Morell, who had two TD grabs against Wyoming.

GEORGIA Led by halfback Kent Lawrence, who was named the outstanding back in the 1966 Cotton Bowl and the '67 Liberty Bowl, the Bulldogs should battle LSU and Auburn for fourth place in the conference. But Lawrence is the only returning backfield regular, so much



KENT LAWRENCE, Georgia

MIKE FORD, Alabama

of Georgia's success on offense will depend upon the abilities of junior quarterback Paul Gilbert.

Vince Dooley's defense was the 12th best in the nation last season, and led by All-America tackle Bill Stanfill, it should again be strong.

AUBURN In a conference loaded with strong teams, Auburn must be rated the darkhorse. The entire starting backfield from last year's 6-4 squad returns, led by quarterback Loran Carter, who topped the SEC in passing yardage and total offense in '67. Tailback Mike Currier is a fine runner, and coach Ralph Jordan feels that wingback Tim Christian is one of the league's finest receivers.

The defensive line is not particularly strong, but linebackers Ron Yarbrough and Mike Kolen are an excellent pair, and safety Buddy McClinton is one of the conference's best. To be a contender, Auburn needs three victories in its last four games (Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama). Impossible, you say? We'll see.

MISSISSIPPI Forced to start seven sophomores on offense, the Rebels will rely heavily on the running of senior tailback Steve Hindman, who was the leading rusher in the SEC

last season, and junior fullback Bo Bowen. The quarterback spot will go to one of three sophs up from a fine freshman team: Archie Manning, Shug Chumbler or Don Farrar.

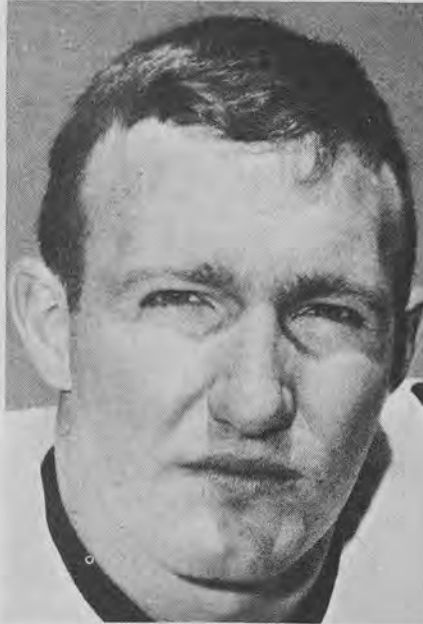
Like all John Vaught teams, this year's defense will be tough, particularly with safety Glenn Cannon in the secondary and linebackers Frank Trapp and Joe Blount. "Who knows

how sophomores will respond?" says Vaught, but the rest of the conference isn't taking Ole Miss for granted; Vaught's 163-48-11 lifetime record speaks for itself.

KENTUCKY The Wildcats hope that 30 returning lettermen can improve on last year's 2-8 record, but a powerhouse schedule will probably prevent that. It all depends on how well three men injured last year can return to form: quarterback Stan Forston, halfback Roger Gann and linebacker Fred Conger.

MISSISSIPPI STATE Coach Charley Shira has practically his entire 1967 offensive unit back this year. The only problem is that they scored only 49 points in '67. But led by quarterback Tommy Pharr and halfback Andy Rhoades, who sat out last season with an injury, the Bulldogs will probably improve on their '67 record of 1-9.

VANDERBILT Last year's 2-7-1 was a masterpiece of coaching by Bill Pace, and he will need to keep performing miracles in '68. Linebacker Chip Healy leads a fairly respectable defense, but the offense will be as tiny as sophomore quarterback John Miller (5-9, 162 pounds).



LORAN CARTER, Auburn



STEVE KINER, Tennessee



STEVE HINDMAN, Mississippi

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

CLEMSON Colorful Frank Howard returns for his 29th year as Tiger coach, the longest tenure of any head football coach in the country. Clemson has won or shared the ACC crown for the past three years, and working with 37 returning lettermen from last season's 6-4 squad (6-0 in the conference), Howard should again guide them to the top.

The Tigers will have the best de-

fense in the conference, as the entire line returns from a '67 team which gave up only 38 points to six ACC opponents. Leading them will be tackle John Cagle and end Ronnie Ducworth. The backfield also looks strong, with returnees Lee Rayburn at halfback and safety Richie Luzzi, who played every minute of defense last year.

Heaviest graduation losses came on offense, where only four starters return—but one of them is ACC Player-of-the-Year Buddy Gore, a tailback who set a league rushing record of 1045 yards last fall. His presence alone will assure the Tigers of enough points to win most of their games.

VIRGINIA Long the doormat of the ACC, the Cavaliers have finished in the first division for the past two years and should have a real shot at the championship this season. Coach George Blackburn has two of the nation's finest runners in All-ACC halfback Frank Quale and fullback Jeff Anderson, each of whom gained over 750 yards rushing in '67. At quarterback again will be Gene Arnette, who had over 1000 yards in total offense last year, and he will be throwing to last year's top receivers, Quale and end Joe Hoppe. The offensive line will also be strong, with all-conference tackle Greg Shelly,

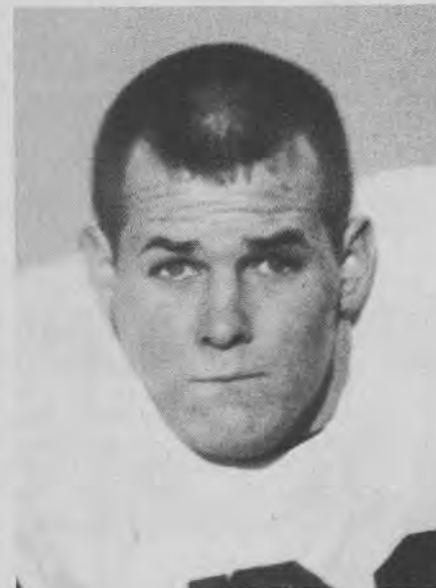
Jeff Calamos at end and a fine sophomore, Jim Shannon, at guard.

Defensively, the Cavaliers have 12 lettermen returning from last year's squad, which finished second in the nation in pass defense. Co-captain-tackle Rick Brand will bolster the line while Steve Bryan is a standout at middle linebacker. Bob Rannigan and Paul Reeve are strong ones in the secondary.

SOUTH CAROLINA If coach Paul



BUDDY GORE, Clemson

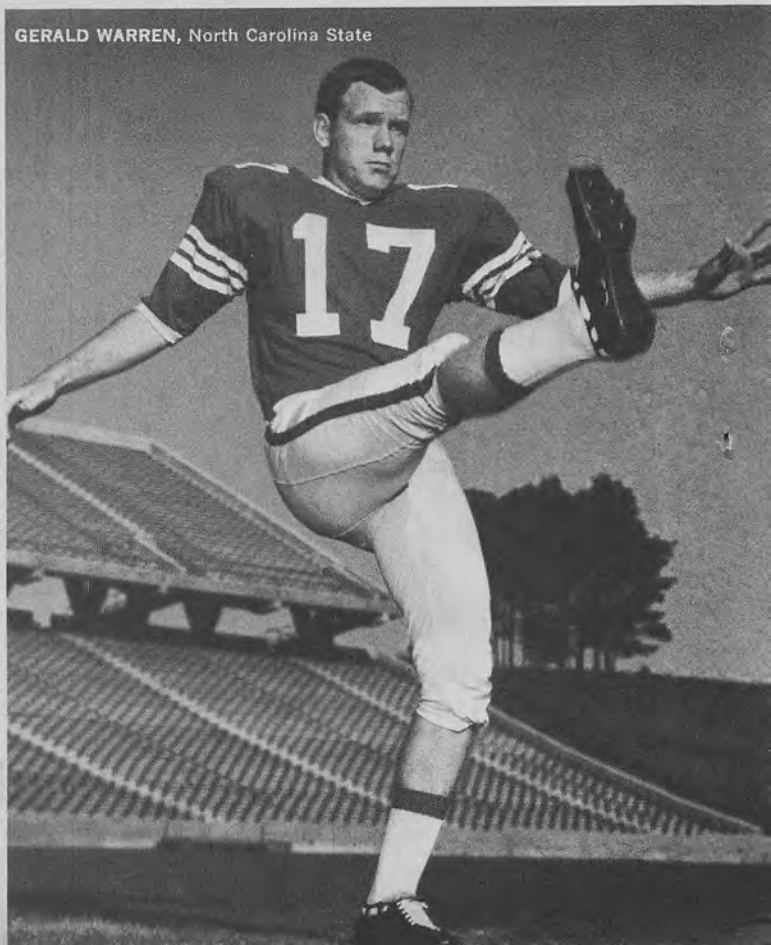


FRANK QUALE, Virginia

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GERALD WARREN, North Carolina State



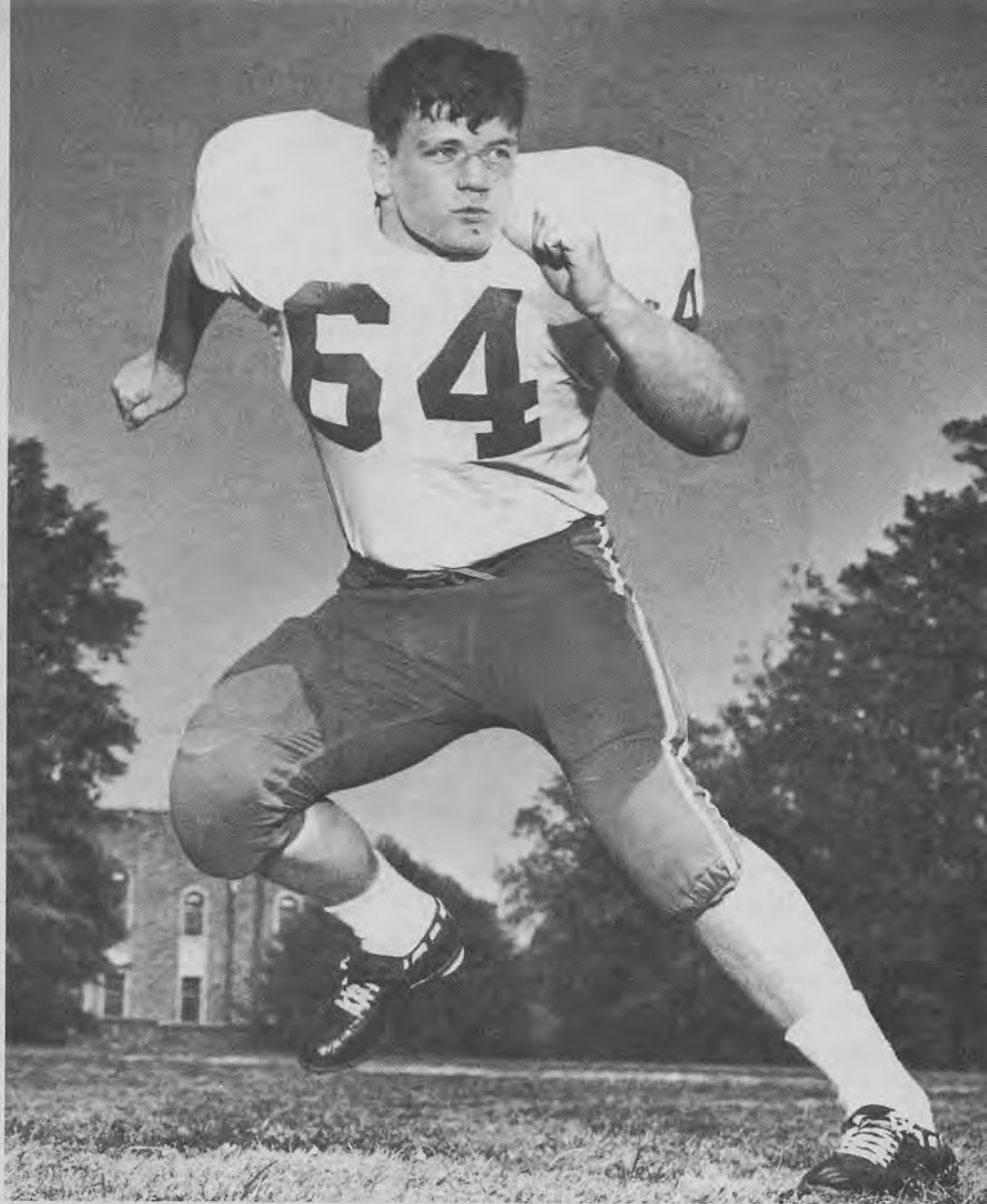
Dietzel can come up with a decent quarterback among five candidates, and can fill some holes in his offensive line, the Gamecocks could be a live contender. On offense, they have two good ones in junior fullback Warren Muir, whose 805 yards rushing last year was the highest for any sophomore in ACC history, and junior split end Fred Ziegler, the conference's top pass receiver in '67. And if halfback Benny Galloway, who was the team's leading runner two years ago, returns to form after sitting out last year with an injury, Dietzel's attack will be unstoppable.

Last year's starting defensive ends, Gene Schwarting and Dave Lucas, return, as does the entire defensive secondary, led by safety Wally Orrel and halfbacks Pat Watson and Toy McCord.

WAKE FOREST The Deacons dropped their first six games last fall, then exploded for 121 points in the last four contests and won them all. With the entire backfield returning, they could be a darkhorse contender if coach Bill Tate can plug some glaring defensive holes. Heading the offense will be All-ACC quarterback Fred Summers, the league's total offense leader with 1419 yards, and he will be joined by halfback Jack Dolbin and fullback Ron Jurewicz, both excellent runners. But linebackers Carlyle Pate and Chick George will need a lot of help if the Wake defense hopes to keep its opponents from keeping up with the high-powered offense.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE Coach Earle Edwards has only five returning starters from last year's Liberty Bowl champions. Hardest hit was his defensive unit—the ACC's finest in '67—where only linebacker Mike Hilka and end Mark Capuano return. Capuano was an all-conference choice and was named the outstanding defensive lineman in the Wolfpack's 14-7 Liberty Bowl upset over Georgia. On offense, wingback Bobby Hall and fullback Settle Dockery are back, but the big story is Gerald Warren, whose 17 field goals in 22 attempts last year set an NCAA record.

DUKE It looks mighty strange to see the Blue Devils this far down on any list of football predictions, but coach Tom Harp lost 23 men from last year's team, which only finished 4-6 overall. The team's only real strength will be in passing, with senior quarterback Al Woodall throwing to three fine receivers: ends Jim Dearth and Henley Carter and flank-

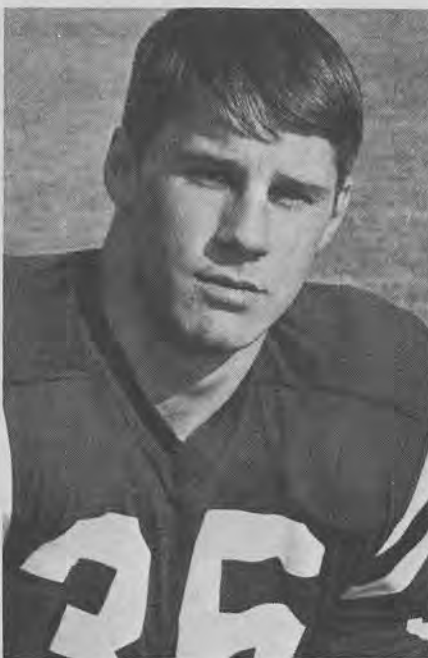


DICK BIDDLE, Duke

er Marcel Courtillet. Linebackers Dick Biddle and Ed Newman are a good pair, but the rest of the defensive unit, particularly the secondary, is weak and inexperienced.

NORTH CAROLINA The Tar Heels have had their troubles in recent years, and this season will be no different. They should improve on last year's 2-8 record, mainly because of returning quarterback Gayle Bomar and running backs Tommy Dempsey and Saul Zemaitis. But too many sophomores on defense spells trouble for coach Bill Dooley.

MARYLAND The Terps scored only 46 points while compiling an 0-9 record last year, but coach Bob Ward is sure that the return of quarterback Alan Pastrana will improve things this fall. Pastrana sat out last season with an injury, after setting an ACC record of 17 TD passes in '66. All he needs are receivers.



WARREN MUIR, South Carolina

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

EAST CAROLINA With the decision of West Virginia to leave the Southern Conference and become an independent, East Carolina appears to be heir to football domination in the conference. Seven defensive starters return from last year's 8-2 squad, among them Paul Weathersbee at linebacker and Fella Rhodes at halfback, while sophomores Steve Davis and John Elrod are expected to fill gaps in the line.

Losses were very heavy on offense, with only three starters returning. The main problem for coach Clarence Stasavich will be finding someone to run at tailback in his single-wing attack. Best bet is senior Dennis Young, who was injured in last season's opening game, but Billy Wightman, an excellent runner, may beat him out. The offensive interior line was hard hit by graduation losses, but sophomore Walter Adams, a chunky 5-11, 222-pounder, looks good at tackle and Bill Tucker has shown vast improvement at center.

All of these offensive worries may

be just academic because of one man—200-pound junior fullback Butch Colson. Colson was the nation's fourth-leading rusher last year with 1125 yards, good enough to make him the Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year. Another season like that and the Pirates won't have any



ROBBIE PATTERSON, Furman

worries at all.

RICHMOND The Spiders are already looking ahead to their October 26 game with East Carolina, because the winner will probably end up as the conference champion. Coach Frank Jones has one of the nation's top passing combinations in senior quarterback Buster O'Brien, who set school passing records in each of his first two seasons, and lanky junior Walker Gillette, a 6-4, 193-pound All-SC end who caught 51 passes for 702 yards last year. O'Brien also has two other fine receivers in Mike Bixiones and sophomore Roger Hoos. If halfbacks Joe Kellam and Frank Olejack can provide an adequate running game, the Spiders will have the most explosive offense in the conference.

Richmond was second in the SC in defense last year, and a strong nucleus of that defensive unit returns, headed by middle guard Dick Irvin, an exceptionally quick 5-10, 220-pound junior.

WILLIAM AND MARY The In-

FREDDIE SUMMERS, Wake Forest



WALKER GILLETTE, Richmond

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dians will feature a potent offensive attack, if they can find someone to lead it. Tailback Jeff Lund was last year's biggest ground gainer for coach Marv Levy, and he returns, along with wingback Terry Morton. All-conference split end Jim Cavanaugh had 48 catches in '67, while tight end Ted Zychowski had 25. But who is going to quarterback this crew? Senior Ray Barger threw only three passes last year and junior Jimmy Laycock hasn't played the position since he was a freshman. But if one of them can do the job, the Indians will be hard to stop.

The defensive unit will be led by 5-7, 154-pound (that's right, 154) Jimmy Barton, a gutty little halfback, but it will take more than Barton to compensate for many glaring gaps left by graduation.

VMI With two experienced lines and a couple of outstanding backfield performers, the Kaydets must be rated the sleeper in the conference this year. On defense, the name (and a good one it is) is Kerr Kump, a small but rugged performer at safety. On offense, halfback Bob Habasevich (that's a good name, too) is the finest runner in the school's history, having gained 663 yards last season. If sophomore Murphy Sprinkle (what's wrong with that one?) can do the job at quarterback, then coach Vito Ragazzo (or that one?) may have some surprises for VMI's opponents this fall.

FURMAN Like so many other teams in the conference, the Paladins are strong offensively, but must overcome heavy losses in the defense. Quarterback Clyde Hewell was the SC leader in total offense last year, and he will be throwing to split end Robbie Hahn and slotback Jimmy Jordan. Center Robbie Patterson heads the line. Coach Bob King has only five starters back from the '67 defensive unit which gave up 205 points in ten games. What all of this means is that a lot of points are going to be scored in each Furman game this year—by both teams.

THE CITADEL In linebacker John Small (who is anything but at 6-4, 230 pounds), the Bulldogs have one of the finest pro prospects in the South. He is joined by linebacker Jackie Zorn and halfback Joe Isaac to insure a strong defense. The question is, will returning tailback Jim McMillan be enough to enable coach "Red" Parker's boys to improve on last season's 5-5 record? Probably not.



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BOB HABASEVICH, VMI

DAVIDSON The Wildcats will come out throwing this year, with quarterback Gordon Slade passing to receivers George Hannen (53 catches in '67), Mike Kelly (23) and Ken Hill (21). But unless coach Homer Smith can find someone to keep the opponents from throwing just as much, he won't improve on last year's 4-5 record.

INDEPENDENTS

MIAMI With the return of 6-8, 222-pound Ted Hendricks, a two-time All-America defensive end, and the entire backfield from his 1967 squad which compiled a 7-3 record, coach Charlie Tate should have one of the finest teams in the South this fall. Although tackle James Schneider is the only returning starter on the offensive line, the running of backs Vincent Opalsky and John Acuff, and the passing of quarterback David Olivo, should be enough to put the Hurricanes on the scoreboard often.

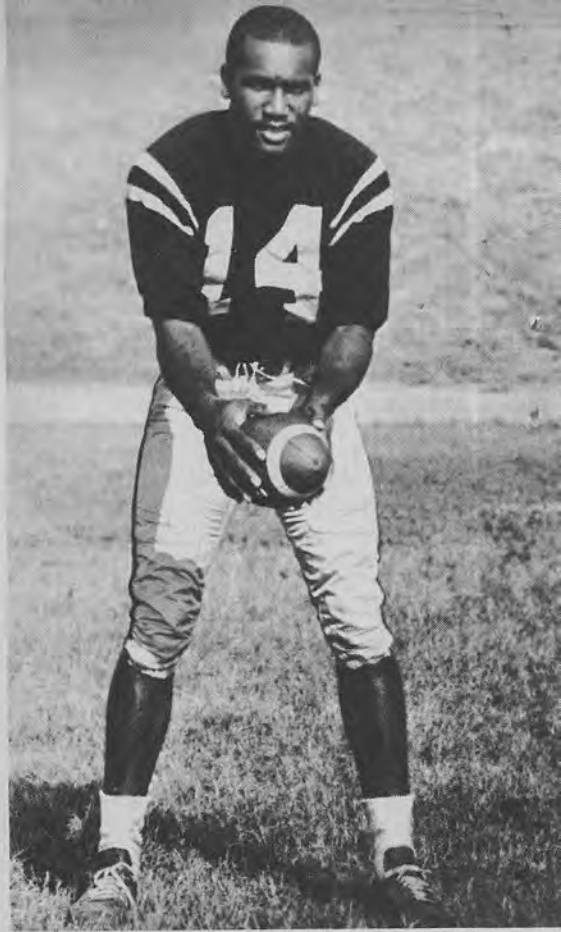
As for defense, not only will the gigantic Hendricks be there to crunch opposing runners and passers, but he will be joined by Jerry Pierce, an excellent middle guard, and two fine defensive halfbacks in Tony Stawartz and Robert Abbott. All of which means that Miami could well enter its final two games,



GORDON SLADE, Davidson

against Alabama and Florida, unbeaten—and, possibly, come out the same way.

GRAMBLING Tiger coach Eddie Robinson enters his 28th year at this Louisiana school with the usual assortment of top pro prospects and the usual predictions of success ringing in his ears. And why not? His 25 former players now in the pro ranks and his lifetime record of 171-64-11 speak for themselves; this fall should be no different. Quarterback James Harris should lead the Tigers



JAMES HARRIS, Grambling

to either duplicate or better their 9-1 record of last year, when he passed for 1346 yards and 17 touchdowns. His top receiver, lanky Charlie Joiner, is back, along with 235-pound fullback Henry Jones and halfback speedsters Ben Stephens and Coleman Zeno.

On the defensive line, we need go no further than 265-pound tackle Richard Lee, and most opposing runners won't. But just in case the unexpected happens, there's Clifford Gasper (285), John Gee (265) and Ernest Sterling (250). Tennis, anyone?

FLORIDA STATE With the graduation of Kim Hammond, who finished second in the nation in total offense last season, Seminole coach Bill Peterson will be looking for a new quarterback to throw to All-America flanker Ron Sellers. Battling for the job will be 1966 star Gary Pajcic and junior Bill Cappleman. Peterson also lost his two best runners, but fullback John Pittman and junior-college transfer Brent Gilman should perform creditably.

The defensive line is weak, but Dale McCullers leads a crew of fine linebackers and the secondary looks very strong. If the Seminoles find a quarterback, they may even repeat last year's 7-2-1 finish and Gator Bowl trip.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI Coach "Pie" Vann has 30 lettermen returning from last year's 6-3 squad, and although the Southerners play a high-powered schedule including Alabama, Mississippi and Memphis State, quarterback Tommy Boutwell should lead them to another fine season. Johnny Johnson and Larry Moulton are two fine running prospects, and sophomore end Billy Mikel could be a top receiver. Cornerback Larry Ussery leads an experienced defensive unit. Ussery had four interceptions for 141 yards against Louisiana Tech last year.

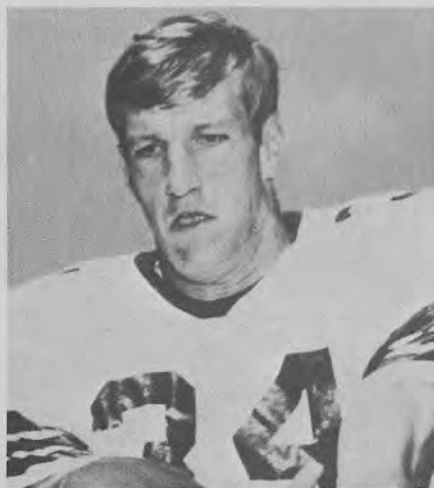
WEST VIRGINIA Although the Mountaineers have two great linebackers in Baker Brown and Carl Crennel, lack of an adequate defensive secondary may give them problems this year. But coach Jim Carlen's team was the nation's ninth best on defense last season, and if they can come anywhere close to that performance again, a greatly improved offense can push them well past the 5-4-1 record of '67.

VIRGINIA TECH The Gobblers lost All-America safety Frank Loria to graduation, but they have the nation's second leading pass interceptor back, Ron Davidson, and two good halfbacks in Frank Beamer and Randy Treadwell. Quarterback Al Kincaid and fullback George

Constantinides will carry the offensive load in what looks like a rebuilding year for the Techmen. Don't expect another 7-3 season.

GEORGIA TECH The Yellow Jackets are still rebuilding after a disastrous 4-6 record last year. Coach Bud Carson has two outstanding individual performers in flanker John Sias, whose 42 receptions last year were a team record, and Eric Wilcox, a middle linebacker who holds the team record for most tackles in one game (28). But these two are not enough for a winning season.

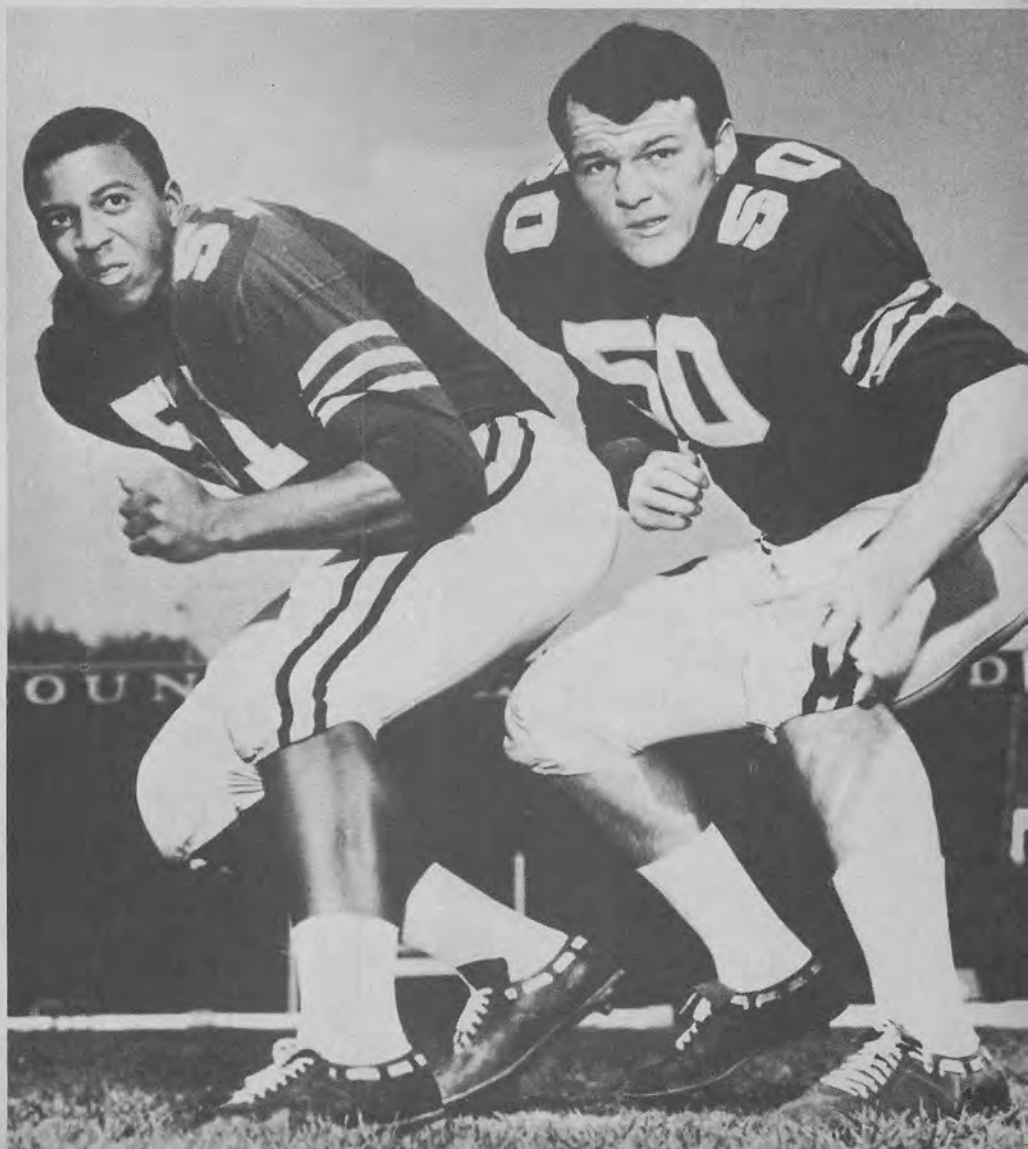
TULANE With the loss of quarterback Bobby Duhon, the Green Wave probably won't improve on last season's 3-5 record unless tailback Barney King and 222-pound fullback Warren Bankston perform sensationally. Junior defensive end Scott Haber looks like an all-star performer, but coach Jim Pittman doesn't seem to have any others to go with him.



RON SELLERS, Florida State



RON DAVIDSON, Virginia Tech



CARL CRENNEL and BAKER BROWN,
West Virginia



Pro football's most exciting moment came when Green Bay quarterback Bart Starr (No. 15, above) scored with 13 seconds left, to give the Packers their second straight last-minute NFL title-game win over Dallas, 21-17.



The top college game of the year matched cross-town rivals UCLA and USC. Although Bruin quarterback Gary Beban (left) eventually won the Heisman Trophy, it was USC's great running back O.J. Simpson (right) who gained 177 yards and scored the touchdown that gave the Trojans a 21-20 win and the national crown.



THIS HAPPENED LAST SEASON

**It was a year to remember for
all college and pro football fans.
Here are some of the reasons why**

Oakland surprised everyone by winning the AFL championship, led by quarterback Daryle Lamonica (right). He was named the league MVP. The Raiders lost to Green Bay in the Super Bowl, 33-14. College football's surprise team was Indiana, which finished with a 9-1 record after a 1-8-1 season in 1966. The Hoosiers' Johnny Pont (below) was everyone's choice for college Coach of the Year.



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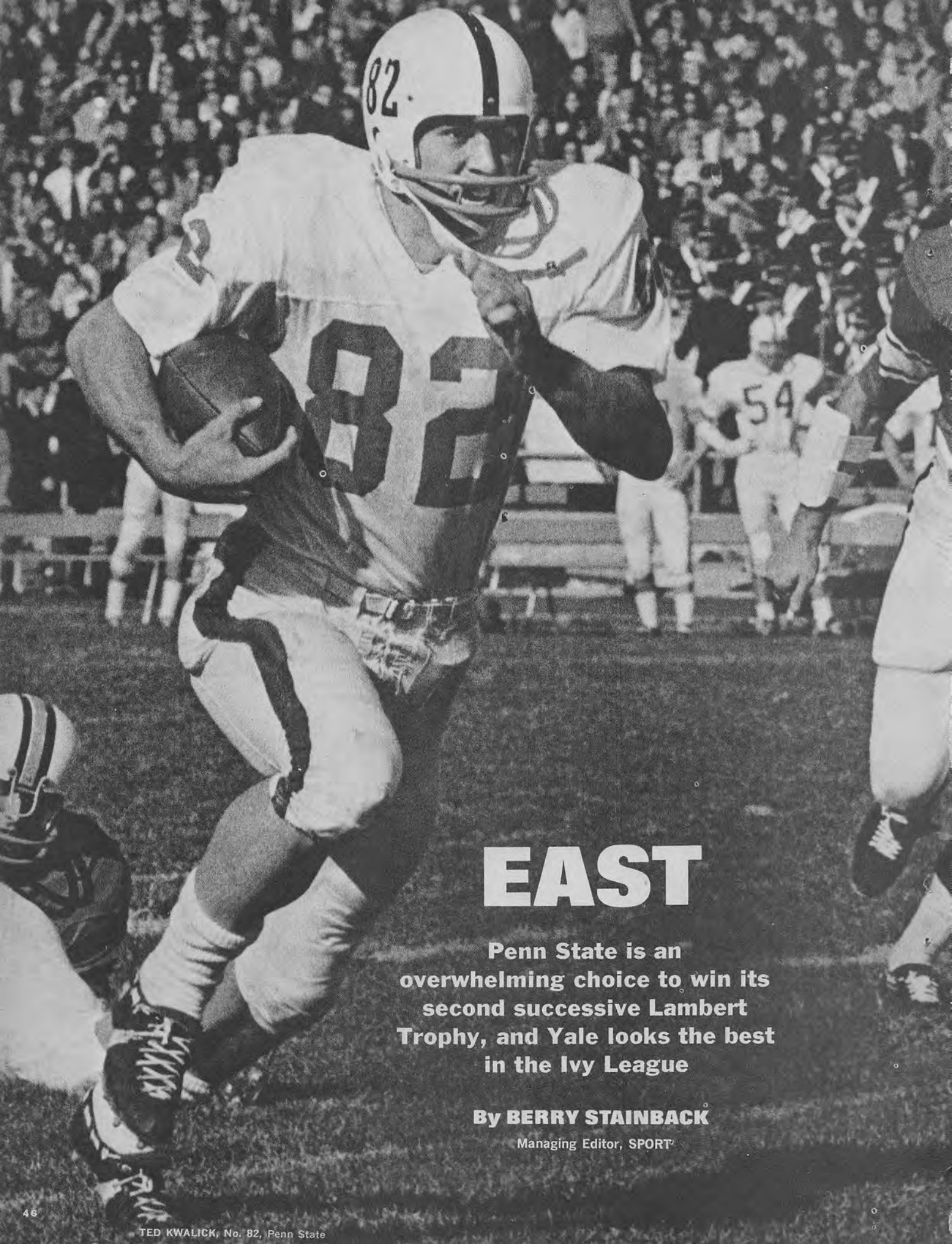


Two major NFL coaching changes were announced after the season ended. Green Bay's Vince Lombardi (above, far left) stepped down in favor of defensive coach Phil Bengtson, although Lombardi remains as general manager. In nine years as head coach, he won five world championships and both Super Bowl games. George Halas (above, right) who founded the Chicago Bears in 1920 and coached the team for 40 years, finally retired, turning the job over to his assistant and former player, Jim Dooley. Baltimore's Johnny Unitas (left) was the Most Valuable Player in the NFL, but he was bitterly disappointed when the Colts' only loss—to Los Angeles in the final game of the season—knocked them out of the division championship.



Although college football's only undefeated-untied team, Wyoming was swamped by LSU (below) in the Sugar Bowl, 20-13. The first college player drafted by the pros was USC All-America tackle Ron Yary (above, No. 77), who then signed with the Minnesota Vikings. Cleveland Brown halfback Leroy Kelly (right) found salary negotiations more difficult and played with no contract all season. After finishing as the NFL's top runner, gaining 1205 yards with 11 touchdowns, he signed a three-year contract.





EAST

**Penn State is an
overwhelming choice to win its
second successive Lambert
Trophy, and Yale looks the best
in the Ivy League**

By BERRY STAINBACK

Managing Editor, SPORT



INDEPENDENTS

PENN STATE The Nittany Lions won eight of ten games last season and the Lambert Trophy as the top team in the East, tied Florida in the Gator Bowl and were ranked the No. 10 team in the country in the final Associated Press poll. Although the Nittany Lions have lost several fine ballplayers, they featured a lot of sophomores in '67 and have just as solid a potential as last season. The offense should again be exciting and explosive. Coach Joe Paterno feels he has the best pair of running backs in college ball—Bob Campbell and Charlie Pittman. The speedy Pittman had a 4.8 average in rushing for 580 yards. Campbell, who's even faster, was averaging seven yards per carry until he was hurt. Both are good pass receivers, as is All-America Ted Kwalick, perhaps the best tight end in the country. Split end Jack Curry has graduated and Paterno is concerned about this position, but a first-rate quarterback can make any wide receiver look good. Junior Chuck Burkhart, who worked behind Tom Sherman last year, looked capable in spring practice and should do the job. Paterno had to do considerable shifting in his offensive line, but this is invariably a Penn State strength and should continue to be.

On defense, the style will again emphasize aggressive, reckless play, with quick, strong tackles Steve Smear and Jim Kates expected to lead the unit to another Lambert Trophy.

ARMY Last year in this space you read that "Army will not match its 8-2 record and coach Tom Cahill will not be named College Football Coach-of-the-Year this time around." So the '67 Cadets went out and post-

ed an 8-2 record again.

But once more we have to say Army shouldn't have more than a 7-3 record (which, after all, is a pretty good season when you have Missouri, California, Duke, Penn State and Navy on your schedule). Cahill has lost 16 lettermen, but has 16 back, including defensive stars like captain and linebacker Ken Johnson, end Tom Wheelock and tackle Steve Yarnell. The entire secondary of Dick Luecke, Dennis Hutchinson, Tom Haller and Pete Dencker also returns.

On offense, Cahill has to break in two guards to go with veteran tackles Bob Ivany and Bill Jackson. Tight end is well handled by big Gary Steele's blocking, though he could be more consistent in his pass catching. Quarterback Steve Lindell, who completed over 50 percent of his passes last season for 843 yards, returns with his two backup men. And fullback Charlie Jarvis, who has led the Cadets in rushing for the past two seasons (774 yards, eight touchdowns in '67), should again lead the ground game.

SYRACUSE Coach Ben Schwartzwalder has had 18 consecutive non-losing seasons at Syracuse, and in that time his teams have never been outrushed through a season. If he extends that streak this year, it will be due, not to his own great running attack, but to his defense against the rush.

Last season the Orange ranked second in the country in rushing defense and fourth in total defense. You can figure opponents will not do a lot of scoring against Syracuse this season, too, because virtually the entire unit returns: Lou Gubitosa at end, Bill Coghill and Art Thoms at tackle, Gerry Beach at middle guard, Don Dorr and Bob Bancroft

at linebacker, and Tony Kyasky, Cliff Ensley and Tom Hermanowski in the secondary. "Kyasky," says Schwartzwalder, "is the best we've had since the return to platoon football. He likes to hit people, has good speed and knows what's going on—a real football player."

Ben wishes he had equally good things to say about members of his offensive unit, but the fact is, it has been decimated by graduation. Gone

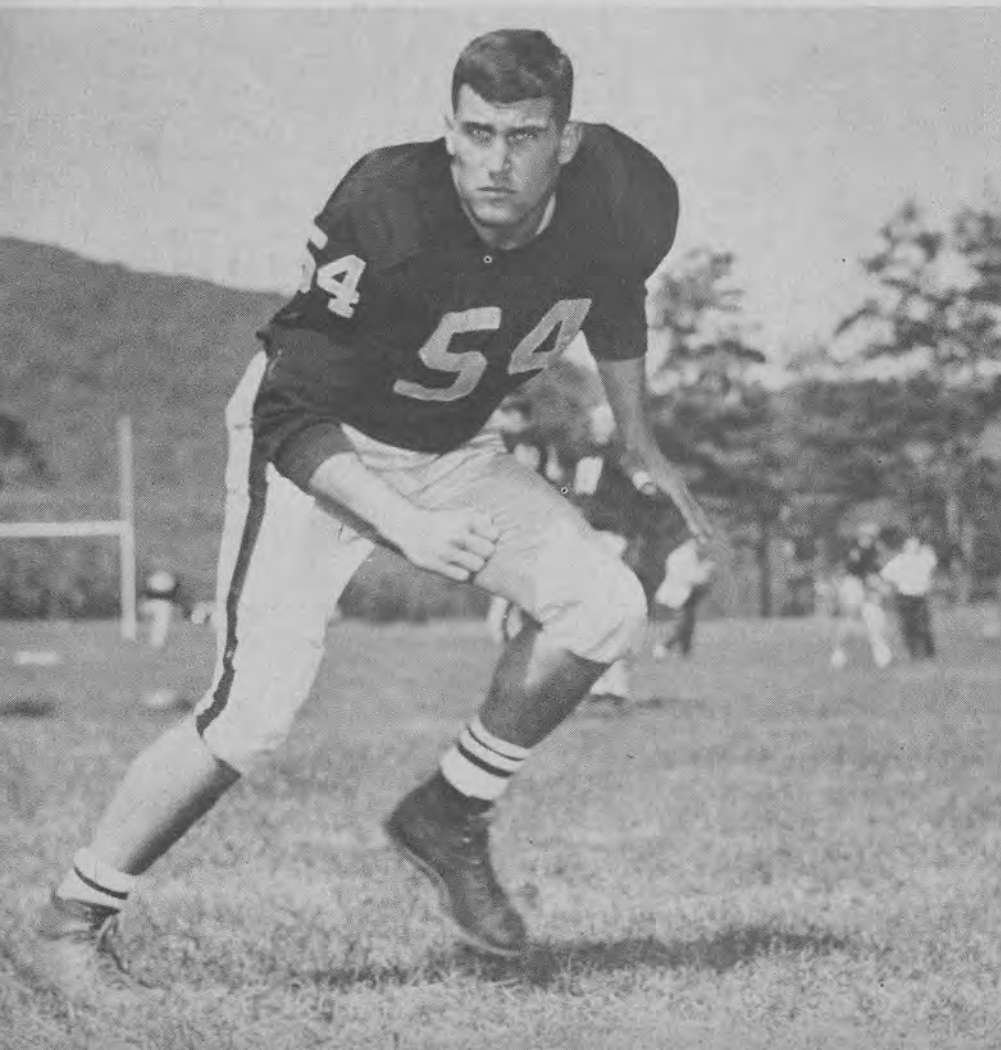
from the backfield are fullback Larry Csonka, quarterback Rick Cassata, wingback Tom Coughlin . . . plus the top pass receivers. Young talent will enable the offensive line to be rebuilt quickly, but the backfield will be a problem. Quarterback Rich Panczyszyn, who rushed for 88 yards in the season's opener against Baylor but played little thereafter because of injuries, is expected to do the job if his passing comes on.

NAVY The Middies gave up an average of three touchdowns per game last season in compiling a 5-4-1 record and will again be troubled by defensive miseries. "We will be better this fall," says coach Bill Elias, "but we have some unsettling problems to solve." Like who's going to replace All-East defensive end Bill Dow and his partner Jon Bergner? Who's going to play middle guard if Ray De Carlo, who skipped spring practice to study, doesn't return? There are a number of people back from the linebacking and secondary units, but they weren't standouts last season and there is only one sophomore who seems to have real potential on defense, linebacker Mike Crimmins.

On offense Elias has several standouts. Start with tight end Mike Clark, whom you'll remember caught ten passes in the '67 game against Army. Halfback Jeri Balsly, an unheralded junior last year, came on to lead the team in rushing with 559 yards and returned five kickoffs 96 yards. And Tom Daley, a hard-driving fullback, rushed for 301 yards on a 4.4 average in '67. Sophomores to watch are guard Mike Heco-



DAVE MANCUSO, Pittsburgh



TONY KYASKY, Syracuse

KEN JOHNSON, Army

movich, split end Scott Monson and quarterback Mike McNallen, who will battle junior Bob Pacenta for the starting job this fall.

PITTSBURGH When Dave Hart became the coach at Pitt in December of 1965, he had exactly 16 high school players coming in on scholarship his first season. In the two seasons since then, Hart and his energetic staff have recruited 67 potential stars. This season, the efforts should start to pay off, and the Panthers should avoid a losing season for the first time since 1963.

Hart has 24 lettermen back, including 14 starters, only five of whom are seniors. Last season Hart started 13 sophomores, and this season he may start just as many. Why? Because Pitt has what most observers feel is the finest group of sophomores in its history. Among them are tackles Howard Broadhead and John Stevens, linebackers Lloyd Weston, Ralph Cindrich, Dave McGrath and John Wozniak, plus as fine a group of backs as you'll find anywhere: tailback Dave Garnett (6-3, 208, and a 9.5 speedster in the 100), fullback Tony Esposito, wingbacks J.D. Lewis and Mike Connell (9.7 in the 100) and quarterback Don Plusquellic. In addition, top running back prospect Dennis Ferris, who sat out last year with an eye injury, returns.

All in all, things are looking young and up at Pitt for a change.

BOSTON COLLEGE The Eagles won four of ten games last season, and the wins came over Villanova, Maine, Massachusetts and Holy Cross. So new coach Joe Yukica, who was named New England Coach-of-the-Year after reversing New Hampshire's 2-6 record in '67, has a bunch of things to do.

Yukica has 31 of 51 letterman back, but he has holes to fill in every area, particularly in the offensive and defensive lines, which is often where football games are won. Only three veterans return to the attack line: Jerry Ragosa, Bob Bouley and Kerry Horman, though ends Barry Gallup and Steve Kives have had some game experience. On defense, the Eagles have one of the best middle guards in the East, Dick Kroner, but tackle John Fitzgerald and end Ed McDonald are the only other returnees. Linebacker Gary Andarchik is a good one, as is defensive halfback Jim Grace, but much help is needed in these two units if they are to be solid.

The offensive backfield is in better



MIKE CLARK, Navy

shape. Dave Bennett, Joe McDonald and Gene Comella can all move the ball. And Fred Willis, the leading rusher and receiver on the freshman team, should see plenty of action.

VILLANOVA With 23 seniors lost from its 4-6 squad of last season, coach Jack Gregory's comment that the Wildcats are in "more or less a rebuilding year" is accurate.

The most difficult losses to fill are at quarterback (Billy Andrejko) and linebacker (All-East performer Fred Levinsky). The leading quarterback candidates are John Sodaski and Terry Cunningham, and Gregory hopes Cunningham wins the job so that Sodaski can go back to his roving linebacker position he played so well in '67.

Speedy offensive halfbacks Frank Boal and Billy Walik, who combined to rush for almost 640 yards last season, return, but leading rusher, fullback Brendan Murray, must be replaced. One tackle, Frank Bogle, and one guard, Mike McDonald, are back to anchor the offensive line, with sophomores expected to fill out the unit. Center Herb Brassleman, a star with the freshman team, could develop into a standout. Split end Tom Boyd did just that last season, catching 35 passes as a sophomore.

On defense the Wildcats have one strength: defensive tackle. There Rich Moore, a 6-7, 285-pounder who is called "Mountain," and John Treacey, a 6-3, 240-pounder who drew praise from pro scouts as a soph, stop just about anything that comes near them.

HOLY CROSS Coach Tom Boisture says, "We lost a large group of veteran football players (15 lettermen) and they'll be hard to replace . . . but we will have a bigger and better group of athletes to work with in '68." Which is why he is hopeful of improving the Crusaders' 5-5 record.

The biggest thing Boisture has going for him is his offensive backfield, led by quarterback Phil O'Neil. As a junior he passed for 1378 yards and ten touchdowns. Sophomore quarterback Mark Mowatt, a fine runner, should see a lot of action spelling O'Neil. Leading rushers Tim Hawkes (458 yards in '67) and Steve Jutras (248) are back, along with three other lettermen runners.

The Crusaders are solid at tackle with Dave Farinella and Bill Moncevicz, but will have to have men come on fast at guard and center if the



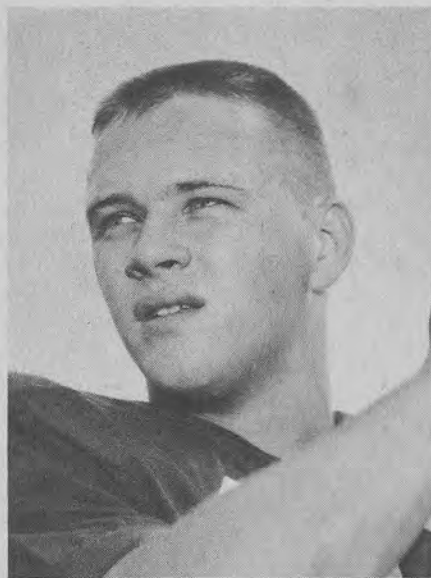
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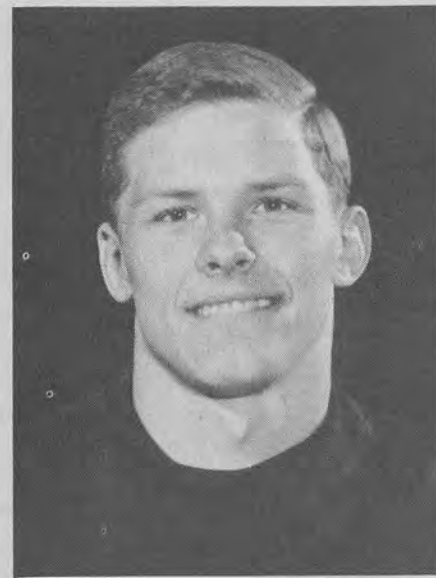
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line as a whole is to be solid. Bob Neary, who caught 34 passes in '67 leads four veteran end returnees.

Boisture has all of his linebackers set and a potentially fine secondary, led by halfback Bob Kurcz (11 interceptions the last two years) but the defensive line is a real trouble spot.

COLGATE After the Red Raiders compiled a 2-8 record, coach Harold Lahar decided it was time to do something else. He moved up and became athletic director, turning over the coaching job to his assistant Neil Wheelwright. He will not have an easy job. After all, Colgate will have already played six games before it meets Lehigh and Bucknell,

the only two schools it beat last season.

The defensive line, led by middle guard Pete Powers, and linebackers, led by Dick Schrupf and Joe Rinaldi, are all set, according to Wheelwright. But the secondary, long a Colgate strong point, needs a good deal of help. The offensive line returns two ends, Dan Taylor and Doug Hale, one tackle, Pete Nagle and a guard, John Grenda. The backfield features only one outstanding runner, and unfortunately, he is the quarterback and can't pass very well. That would be Ron Burton, who rushed for 453 yards, but completed only 44 percent of his passes. Fullback Gene Detwiler may

ease some of the rushing burden on Burton.

RUTGERS For the first time since 1962, Rutgers plays a ten-game schedule, which means they can play .500 football if they can win one more game than they did last season. Coach John Bateman has 22 of 33 letterman back, and hopes he can shore up his defensive line and improve his receiving corps.

On offense, quarterback Bruce Van Ness looks like he can be a good one after gaining some experience last season. And halfback Bryant Mitchell is already a good one, having rushed for 542 yards and five touchdowns last season. There are veterans all

along the Knights' interior line.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY Coach Warren Schmakel is not optimistic. His Terriers posted a 3-6 record last year, and seven starters are gone from that unit. Still, he does have some hopes.

One is Fred McNeilly, a top cornerback on defense. He'll probably be switched to quarterback—where he starred in high school—and maybe he'll move the team. Two capable running backs return, senior Pete Dexter and junior Bob Calascibetta. But a good deal of help is needed in the offensive line and at end.

There are soft spots in the defensive line, too, but the linebacking, led by tough Pat Hughes, and the secondary, featuring captain Jay Donabedian at safety and Fred Barry and John Grant at the corners, is capable.

IVY LEAGUE

YALE After an 8-1 overall record last year and an undefeated season in conference competition, coach Carmen Cozza's team can't be expected to match that record; he has to replace his entire defensive line and

two of his best defensive backs. But his offense (which scored 278 points last season) remains so overpowering that Yale is again the team to beat for the Ivy League title.

The offense is led by scrambling quarterback Brian Dowling, who passed for 684 yards and nine touchdowns, rushed for 226 yards and three touchdowns . . . and even caught a 60-yard pass for a touch-

down. The running attack is led by All-Ivy halfback Calvin Hill, a 6-3 215-pounder who picked up 463 yards on the ground and 227 on pass receptions. And a lightning-quick sophomore, Bob Kropke, will make the backfield even more explosive this season. The offensive line is led by All-Ivy tackle Kyle Gee and devastating blocking end Bruce Weinstein.

The defense features two solid line backers, Andy Coe and Mike Bouscaren, a fine halfback in Ed Franklin and has some sophs coming in—particularly tackle Rich Lolotai—who will help.

PRINCETON The Tiger's slipped to a 4-3 record and a tie for fourth in the league last season, but they should get right back into contention in '68. Coach Dick Colman has back his entire offensive team that started the final game of last season, except for one man.

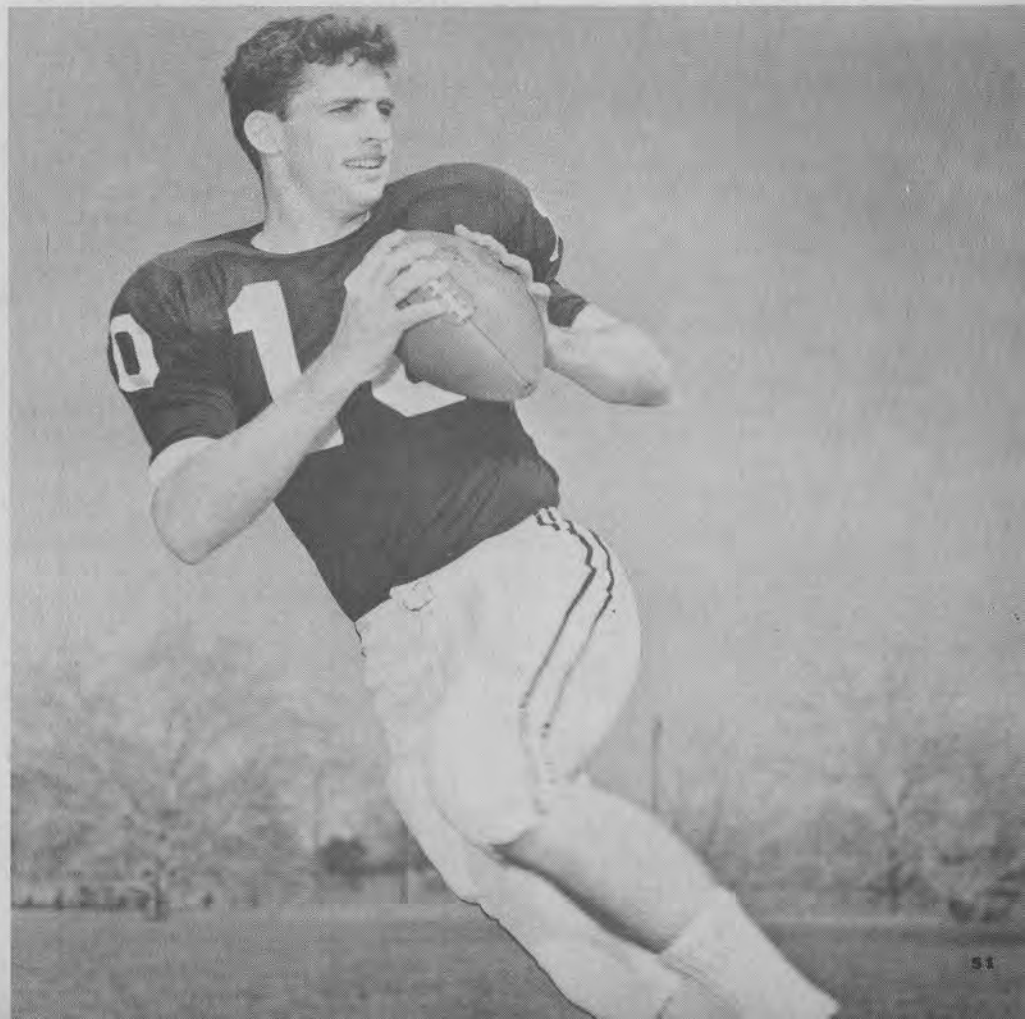
The unit will again be led by tailback Rich Bracken, though he may have to split time with Brian McCullough, the freshman team's leading scorer. The fullback is Ellis Moore, Princeton's leading rusher (484 yards, ten touchdowns) in '67. Vet-



RICHARD BRACKEN, Princeton

VIC GATTO, Harvard

BRIAN DOWLING, Yale





JOHN SPONHEIMER, Cornell



JACK WIMSATT, Dartmouth

eran wingbacks Jim Koloski and Dave Miller will be pushed by another fine soph prospect, Pete Hauck. Blocking backs Dan White and Jon Wright are solid, as is the offensive line, led by tackles Bruce Eckman and Dave Hantz.

The defense, featuring tackle Tim McCann and halfback Keith Mauney, will be strengthened by two stars from the freshman team: end Ed Nesbit and linebacker Chris Waugh.

DARTMOUTH The Big Green led the league in defense last season and finished with a 5-2 record, but it will not finish second this season. Bob Blackman, one of the finest coaches ever in the Ivy League, has lost his quarterback, his left halfback and two All-Ivy performers at linebacker and defensive halfback. Fortunately, though, Blackman has some fine players to rebuild with.

Bill Koenig, who passed for 600 yards and three touchdowns as a part-time quarterback, looks like he can become a full-timer unless sophomore Jim Chasey takes over. Chasey completed 36 of 56 passes for 625 yards and eight touchdowns as a freshman. Halfback Bob Mlaker led the Indians in receiving with 25 catches and rushed for 335 yards. Bob Lundquist, the team's fastest back, missed virtually all of last season after averaging 5.0 yards per carry in '66. Veteran ends Jack Wimsatt and Randy Wallick will be joined by solid soph Darrel Gavle.

On defense Blackman has such standouts as tackle Jeff Norton, end

Pete Lawrence and linebacker Rick Lease. Two large, quick defensive tackles up from the frosh, Bill Brooks and Bill Skibitsky, should help the unit.

HARVARD "We suffered perhaps the heaviest graduation losses in my 11 years at Harvard, both in terms of quantity and quality, and face a real challenge as we attempt to stay among the Ivy leaders," says coach John Yovicsin.

Harvard probably won't match its 6-3 record of last season, but Yovicsin still has enough top performers to keep it in the first division. First of all, consider the outstanding sophomores coming in. Halfback Richie Szaro averaged 6.3 yards per rush, led the frosh team in scoring (56 points) and pass receiving, and is a fine punter and placekicker. Fullback Dick Varney, a 6-2, 230-pounder, averaged 7.2 yards per rush. Quarterback Bill Kelly is a capable passer and runner.

Among his 14 letterman returning, Yovicsin also has four first-rate ballplayers: speedy halfback Vic Gatto, safety John Tyson (an All-Ivy performer as a soph in 1966) and linebackers John Emery and Gerry Marino.

CORNELL There are nine defensive starters back—including All-Ivy tackle John Sponheimer, linebacker Doug Kleiber and halfback Keith Cummins—and that'll be a help. But the offense poses large problems up front. Coach Jack Musick has lost

his entire offensive line with the exception of tight end Sam DiSalvo, which means he will have to do a great deal of shuffling of personnel. Fortunately, he has 27 lettermen back, so there are experienced people available to shift about. But only one top sophomore seems suitable for offense, tackle Bill Dickinson.

The offensive backfield looks promising, starting with quarterback Bill Robertson, who set all-time Cornell records for completions (94), yards gained passing (1347) and touchdown passes (12) last season. Halfbacks Jim Heeps, Ed Zak and Joe Cervasio and fullbacks Art McCullen and Dave Morris provide plenty of running depth.

PENNSYLVANIA "As has often been the case in my three years at Penn," says coach Bob Odell, "we have a good group of veterans upon which we can build, but then again our big question is depth." Since Penn has 28 lettermen back, you wouldn't think depth would be that much of a problem. But Penn won only two of seven Ivy League games in '67, so those lettermen may not have been that good to start with.

This is not to say that Odell doesn't have some good players to work with. On offense, particularly, Penn could be stronger this season. The line, led by tackle Tom Hamlin and center George Joseph, is manned entirely by veterans. The backfield features fullback Gerry Santini, a great blocker who averaged 4.7 yards per carry in '67, speedy halfback

George Burrell, a fine runner and pass receiver, and quarterback Bernie Zbrzenzj (the league's only triple-z threat), who started slowly but finished strong last season. Two sophomore quarterbacks will push for work, though, Pancho Micir, a wide-open style passer and runner, and Steve Townsend, a little less daring than Micir but equally skilled.

COLUMBIA The Lions lost all seven of their Ivy League games last season but have a new coach, Frank Navarro, and new hopes for '68. With 22 lettermen back, including the league's total offense leader for '67, quarterback Marty Domres, the Lions should definitely be better.

Domres completed 52.4 percent of 185 passes for 1264 yards, most of them to end Bill Wazevich, who caught 45 passes for the season. Fullback Mike Busa, who was leading the team in rushing until he was sidelined by injury last season, should make important contributions in '68. Sophs who should help the offense are tackle Ray Ramsey, guard Bill Boczkowski, end Joe De-Bonis and halfback Jim Hall (who scored eight touchdowns in his last three frosh games). The defense, led by linebacker Ron Tarrington and defensive back Bill Carey, continues to lack depth but is more experienced and also figures to be improved.

BROWN How can you do worse than a 1-5-1 record? Brown can in '68. Things look even worse for this season. Coach Len Jardine has lost 19 lettermen, and 17 of them were regulars.

Key losses were on defense, where seven starters and two top reserves have departed. The rebuilding will be done around tackle Sandy Stoddard, middle guard Bob Potrzeba, end Dan Stewart and safetyman John Rallis.

"Offensively we'll be better off," says Jardine, "with five returning lettermen, including the key position in the I formation, center (All-Ivy Gerry Murphy), plus quarterback (Hal Phillips), split end (Greg Kontos) and fullback (Steve Wormith)."

YANKEE CONFERENCE

MASSACHUSETTS, which has won five titles in the past years, has lost its superstar quarterback Greg Landry (the No. 1 draft choice of the Detroit Lions), but remains the team to beat in the Yankee Conference. Coach Vic Fusia has more lettermen back, 26, than he's ever had before,



STEPHEN WORMITH, Brown

and appears to have a solid first-line offense and defense. The quarterback problem was solved in the spring when Tim Adams simply took charge. . . As for the rest of the conference, CONNECTICUT, NEW HAMPSHIRE and RHODE ISLAND all have the potential to challenge for the title, but the feeling here is that the Massachusetts' Redmen have too much depth to be dethroned.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

TEMPLE, as predicted here last

year, won it's first MAC championship last season, and the feeling this year is that the Owls will repeat. After all, coach George Makris has 34 lettermen, back, including his outstanding passing combination of quarterback John Waller and split end Jim Callahan. In addition, the Owls have their top runner returning, Mike Busch, and a solid group of sophomores coming in . . . Whatever competition Temple gets will come from HOFSTRA and DELAWARE, followed by BUCKNELL, GETTYSBURG and LAFAYETTE.



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BIG EIGHT

OKLAHOMA Without a doubt, the Sooners are the class of the Big Eight. Last year the Sooners were also elite, with a 10-1 record, including their 26-24 Orange Bowl win over second-ranked Tennessee. They were the top defensive team in scoring, giving up only 6.8 points per game. It's doubtful they can improve on their scored-against record, but they may improve their won-lost mark. There's 24 lettermen returning including 15 starters from both platoons.

Whether the Sooners can go undefeated will probably be found out in the first three games. They open against Notre Dame, North Carolina State and Texas on successive Saturdays, three of the nation's top teams. And N.C. State is the only home game of the three. But back to better things. Coach Chuck Fairbanks' offense is headed by Bob Warmack, who could be the best quarterback in the country. Last year Warmack had a 52.9 completion percentage, but passing wasn't the most effective part of his game. He led 31 scoring drives, 19 of them 60 yards or longer. These long, sustained marches enabled the Sooner defense to rest a good deal of the time between assignments and all that resting, along with the using up of so much time, enabled the Sooners to turn in that impressive scored-against record.

Two other backfield mates return, Eddie Hinton the wingback and Steve Owens, tailback. Hinton averaged 6.2 yards per rush and caught 28 passes in '67. Owens led the Big Eight in scoring and rushing last year when he rolled up 72 points and 808 yards. And he's only a junior! Tight end Steve Zabel is also back. He is the best blocker on the team and he's also a fine receiver (22 catches for 333 yards).

The Sooners also have one excellent lineman in Ken Mendenhall. He's listed as an offensive guard-center. His blocking was a big factor in Oklahoma leading the conference in rushing. This year he may switch from a guard spot to center. He's expected to put on weight and build up his strength before the season starts. He finished up 1967 at 198 pounds.

Despite all the offensive power at Norman this year, the Sooners are not problem free. For one thing, they've lost middle guard Granville Liggins. The UPI Lineman-of-the-Year for 1967 will be extremely tough to replace, but Dick Passo, 6-1, 200 pounds, will give it a shot. There

are some other holes, but none vital, especially when you consider the distribution of the returnees on defense is three linemen, two linebackers and three secondary men. The Sooners should at least stay on top of the Big Eight.

NEBRASKA It was one of those off-years for the Cornhuskers in '67—just six wins against four defeats. Now some coaches would be happy with such a record, but not Bob Devaney, who has the highest lifetime winning percentage (.793) in his profession. The Cornhuskers failed to win the conference title for the first time in five years. But they didn't lose it by much. In three of their defeats they were beaten in the last quarter and never by more than a touchdown.

Heading the list of returnees is All-Big Eight fullback Dick Davis. At 5-11, 202 pounds, he's a punishing runner who picked up 717 yards last year in 162 carries. Also back is 6-7 quarterback Frank Patrick who led the conference in passing. Halfback Joe Orduna is another backfield letterman.

But the Huskers might run into some trouble on defense. Two-time All-America Wayne Meylan is gone, as is All-Big Eight tackle Jim McCord. Devaney, no matter who he uses, will have a tough time replacing both. But the linebackers all return, and that's a comfort. The offensive line also has some good performers back in tackle Glenn Patterson and guards Joe Armstrong and Mel Brichacek. There's 27 lettermen in all, 16 from the offense. Nebraska will be better than last year, much better—good enough to keep Oklahoma honest.

KANSAS Head coach Pepper Rodgers must be one of college football's all-time greats when it comes to tutoring quarterbacks. In ten years he has coached three All-Americans (Rich Mayo, Steve Spurrier and Gary Beban) and he may be coming up with another this year in Bobby Douglass. Douglass was the Big-Eight Back-of-the-Year last season when he completed 82 passes for 1326 yards and seven touchdowns. He was also the Jayhawks leading rusher with 415 yards. And Douglass will have his three top receivers back; John Mosier (37 catches), Tom Anderson and Donnie Shanklin. Kansas' top three rushers also return—Douglass, halfback Junior Riggins and bruising fullback Mike Reeves.

On defense the outlook is almost as cheerful. Only three regulars—a tackle, a linebacker and a safety—are gone, and that's spreading the losses pretty evenly. The two outstanding defensive players are end John Zook and middle guard Emery Hicks. The Jayhawks were 5-5 last year and 5-2 in the conference. Rodgers was the coach of the year in the Big Eight, but he won't get the title this year.

COLORADO The Buffaloes lost 13 regulars and will have a tough time duplicating last year's 9-2 record, including a 31-21 win over Houston in the Bluebonnet Bowl, but coach Eddie Crowder has possibilities.

The biggest problem is replacing the interior offensive line. Graduation wiped out both guards, the center and a tackle. The only returning lineman is Mike Montler, an All-Big Eight selection. Once Crowder gets the line patched up, he'll start to work on the backfield. He does have quarterback Bob Anderson back but after him the picture is

blurry. While Anderson does not have many backs to give the ball to, he does have two good receivers. Slot end Monte Huber caught 51 passes last year. And tight end Mike Pruett is a good one too.

There are also a few problems on defense. Most of the front line is solid, except for right end. The rest of the defense can only be considered fair. The Buffs are starting a limited rebuilding process this year and may surprise a few teams if they get the depth in the defense that's needed.

MISSOURI The Tigers always come up with a respectable football team and this year is no exception. Missouri will be respectable, but that's about it. Coach Dan Devine's team won't be able to keep up with the Big Eight's top two and will have to settle for a battle for third place with Kansas and Colorado. The Tigers just don't have the depth they've had in recent years. There are a few outstanding individuals, halfback Jon Staggers, defensive lineman Carl Garber and split end

Chuck Weber. Another standout is defensive halfback Roger Wehrli. Wehrli also led the team in punt returns and kickoff returns. He averaged 26.6 yards per try on his kickoff runbacks and 12.8 yards on punts. But on defense, he won't get much of a chance to help out, unless the opposition decides to do a lot of passing against him in particular. And that's not likely at all.

OKLAHOMA STATE Talk about returning an offensive platoon! The Cowboys have ten starters back. The entire backfield returns—quarterback Ron Johnson, halfback Larry Gosney, wingback Terry Brown and fullback Jack Reynolds. The only spot without a returnee is right guard. Leading the offensive line is 224-pound center Jon Kolb. The defense is also strong in lettermen. That platoon has seven men back. The best is 6-3, 200-pound tackle John Little and halfback Benny Goodwin, who intercepted six passes and was the team's leading punt-return man. Goodwin ran back 35 punts for an average of 12.1 yards

EDDIE HINTON, Oklahoma



BOBBY DOUGLASS, Kansas



DICK DAVIS, Nebraska

last year.

It all sounds pretty fair, doesn't it? Now, consider that Phil Cutchin's squad was only 4-5-1 last year and 3-4 in the conference. The State offense, with all those returnees must learn how to score. It only had 32 points in the first seven games last year. Things might be better in 1968, especially in the point-scoring department. But don't count on it.

KANSAS STATE It shouldn't take much for Kansas State to improve on its '67 record—1-9. But don't look for miracles. The major problem then and now is the line, both offensively and defensively. Coach Vince Gibson plans on making some personnel changes, but he does have some key men that he won't be switching (none of them, alas, linemen). Halfback Cornelius Davis is one of those. He was the team's leading rusher. Quarterback Bill Nossek is another. He completed 111 passes last year, despite taking a beating from opposing rushers. And receiver Dave Jones was the conference leader in pass catching and the word is that he has improved his strength and quickness.

Bob Coble is also back. He's the punter and he averaged 41.9 yards on 62 kicks last season. With lack of fire on the offensive and defensive lines, coach Gibson will be needing a punter like Coble.

IOWA STATE It's a new deal all around at Iowa State—a new coach, Johnny Majors, a new offense, a new defense and, hopefully, some new quality players. Majors had been working under Frank Broyles at Arkansas, so you can expect the Cyclones to have a "monster" defense and the Arkansas "I" formation on offense. And that's going to be a problem. The players who lettered last year (23 of them) will be getting new assignments totally unrelated to those they had in 1967. But they couldn't handle them last year either (the Cyclones were 2-8).

One position that's set is the quarterback spot. A man with the unlikely name of Tom Butters will handle it. But the rest of the offense and defense will need plenty of but-tering up. Majors' new system will take a lot of getting used to. A full season at least.

INDEPENDENT

AIR FORCE The Falcons have a depth problem. This will be the 13th year of football at the Academy. It might not be as unlucky as last year's 2-6-2 record. The big ques-

tion mark is on defense. The unit requires rebuilding at all positions except tackle, where Ed Epping and Barry Cline are good ones. But the defense, even if the improvements are made, and the holes plugged, will still have a tough time because it will be getting a lot of playing time. The offense just doesn't have much scoring punch. There are plenty of men returning but the Falcons only averaged 8.6 points a game in 1967. There are two experienced

quarterbacks who will be getting some protection from a line headed by Dick Swanson at tackle. The passers are Steve Turner and Gary Baxter. They completed 99 passes between them for 1013 yards. But their completions were under 45 percent. The Falcons might be able to move the ball this year, and they might be able to play some defense, but it looks like there are too many maybes for Ben Martin's team to be a success.

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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

NORTH TEXAS STATE The Eagles won the conference title last year and they should do it again. North Texas State had a 7-1-1 mark and it has four all-conference selections back again—quarterback Steve Ramsey, flanker Ronnie Shanklin, tackle Joe Greene and roverback Charley Beatty. Ramsey led the nation with 21 touchdown passes and Shanklin caught 13 of those to also

lead the country. Fullback Tony Reese (369 yards) is also back. Glen Holloway and Mike Marr will lead the line in protecting Ramsey and blocking for Reese.

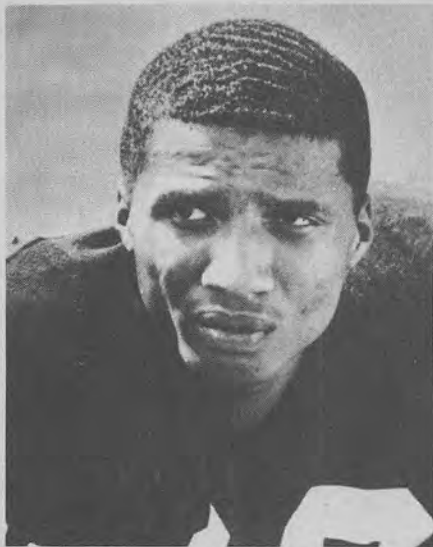
On defense, the secondary returns intact. And this secondary spearheaded a passing defense which led the country in interceptions with 28. Up front the Eagles lost four of seven men, but tackle Greene, end James Gibson and linebacker James Ivy should be enough to hold the sophs and junior-college transfers

together.

The NT squad, as a whole, fared well in the national statistics last year. It was sixth in scoring, eighth in passing, seventh in total defense and eighth in rushing defense. And more of the same can be expected for 1968.

TULSA Passing will continue to be the tradition at Tulsa. Quarterback Mike Stripling (where does Glenn Dobbs keep coming up with these guys?) is back. He passed for 1271 yards and 14 touchdowns while sharing the duties with three other men in 1967. This year he'll go it alone and should be better off. He's got a good receiver in Harry Wood, a split end. Wood caught 53 passes for 838 yards in 1967, including ten touchdowns. And he was only the second leading receiver on the Golden Hurricanes. The leader, Rick Eber, is gone. But in Stripling and Wood, Tulsa still has enough offense to win its share of conference games.

The problem will be on defense. Linebacker Robbie Nichols, middle guard Al Jenkins and end Frank Grimm are expected to carry much of the load up front. They won't have to worry about what's going on behind them because the entire defensive secondary is back. The ques-



CORNELIUS DAVIS, Kansas State



JON KOLB, Oklahoma State



AL JENKINS, Tulsa

DICK SWANSON, Air Force

tion becomes whether or not the load will be too much for them to carry. Coach Dobbs says, "We were unable to come up with the kind of linemen we needed from the junior college ranks and in the defensive line we're going to have to come from a long way off to be competitive."

It's doubtful that Tulsa will not be competitive in the defensive line. And it's very doubtful that it'll be anything but competitive overall. Competitive? Yes. MVC title? Now that's doubtful.

MEMPHIS STATE Don't feel too sorry for coach Billy Murphy, who lost more than two tons of football talent from a 6-3 team. He still has a good defense. Eight regulars are back, including ends Alex Dees and Gary Harte. The linebackers are also strong, along with monsterman Bill McRight.

Offensively the Tigers will have to replace four backs who combined for over 800 yards last fall. The three leading pass receivers are also gone. But all is not hopeless on offense. Quarterback Ricky Thurow returns. He was the team's leading rusher with a 4.5 yards-per-carry average and he passed for 350 yards and four touchdowns. The Tigers also expect a big year from tailback Nick Pappas who averaged 7.2 yards a carry on only 34 attempts last year. Still, despite his limited ball-carrying, he scored five touchdowns.

The people at Memphis are a little optimistic about a successful season . . . as long as they don't expect a conference title.

CINCINNATI Coach Homer Rice is looking forward to the 1968 season. The reason for his optimism is that the freshman team was undefeated last year and a few junior college additions should pick up the whole team. Offense is Rice's specialty and the Bearcat attack should have the same sharpness as last season's latter stages. Back from last year's 3-6 team is tailback Lloyd Pate (658 yards rushing, All-MVC), quarterback Greg Cook (81 of 179 passes for 1221 yards and seven touchdowns) and end Jim O'Brien (26 receptions for 547 yards while playing only the second half of the season). Also No. 2 ground gainer Ernie Lewis is back at fullback. The line features Butch Foreman, MVC Sophomore-Lineman-of-the-Year at tackle and Milt Balkum, a 6-0, 200-pounder at guard.

The Cincy defense was pretty porous last year and coach Rice expects to go with a lot of sophs in order to plug up the gaps. The outstand-



LLOYD PATE, Cincinnati

ing second-year men are Earl Willson, Bob Bell, Mike Miller and Bruce Bertholf.

The Bearcats should have good speed and strength and should improve over 1967. Maybe '69 will be the year.

LOUISVILLE The Cardinals have 23 lettermen returning and most of the returnees fill some key spots. The team will be more experienced both offensively and defensively. Wally Oyler returns at quarterback as a senior. He has great speed but his arm is a question mark. If he falters, redshirt Oscar Brohm may take over. The backfield has more speed in Herbie Phelps (an Alabama transfer), Ira Glass and Lee Bougess, who will play fullback and double up at defensive end.

The defense should also be improved despite losing a linebacker and safety. Oyler can play safety (he played there as a sophomore) but Coach Frank Camp would prefer to have Oyler make it big at quarterback.

Louisville was 5-5 last year and 1-3 in the MVC. But they weren't out of too many games. And they

should be in plenty of them this year.

WICHITA STATE Last year the Shockers were 2-7-1 overall and 0-4 in the conference. And things could get worse. Even though first-year coach Ed Kriwiel has 17 lettermen returning, it looks like he wants to build. He plans on starting 18 sophomores in the 22 positions.

Kriwiel does have some good individuals who are not sophomores and they'll see much action. Spread end Glenn Meltzer led the nation in pass receiving two years ago with 91 catches, and tailback Kenny Lee set a national record last year when he carried the ball 53 times in one game.

There are two quarterbacks to choose from, though neither one is a proven leader. John Beeson is a sophomore scrambler and 6-5 Bill Lalla is a redshirted thrower from Oklahoma. But the defensive backfield is weak and the line is only fair. So, no matter how many times Lee carries the ball, or how many catches Meltzer makes, the Shockers will be lucky to duplicate last year's record.

ANDY CARRA

AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREVIEW



MIKE GARRETT, No. 21, Kansas City Chiefs

**Can Houston do it
again in the East and can
Oakland repeat in
the West? Houston—yes,
Oakland—no**

WILL the old-line powerhouses, namely Buffalo and Kansas City, reestablish their authority, or will the young Turks, Oakland and Houston, sustain their grandeur by repeating division titles? These are the chief questions asked of an increasingly strong league that welcomes a new member, Cincinnati. The guess here is that one of the young Turks, Houston, does have the vigor, and personnel, to repeat in its division, but that in the West, Kansas City will come back and edge Oakland. Two other possible surprises—Miami and Cincinnati *not* to finish last in their divisions.



WEST

KANSAS CITY There's some suspicious poor-mouthing coming out of the Chiefs' camp. This, they say, "is a rebuilding year." Well, sure, six of Kansas City's 1967 regulars have retired and two others are going to new positions, but take a closer look. On offense these fine veterans are back: quarterback Len Dawson, running back Mike Garrett, fullback Curtis McClinton, flanker Otis Taylor, tight end Fred Arbanas, tackle Jim Tyrer, guard Ed Budde. On defense there is Jerry Mays at end, Buck Buchanan at tackle, Bobby

Bell at outside linebacker, Willie Mitchell at cornerback and Johnny Robinson at safety. A heck of a group of good football players.

Hank Stram's problem will be selecting the men to fill in, but he has much to choose from. E.J. Holub, for instance, is moving from linebacker to center but he will have to beat out three veterans—Wayne Frazier, Mike Hudock and Ray Kubala. Gloster Richardson, who had a fine rookie year, is a probable replacement at split end for retired Chris Burford. And young, strong Willie Lanier will likely start at middle linebacker for Sherrill Head-

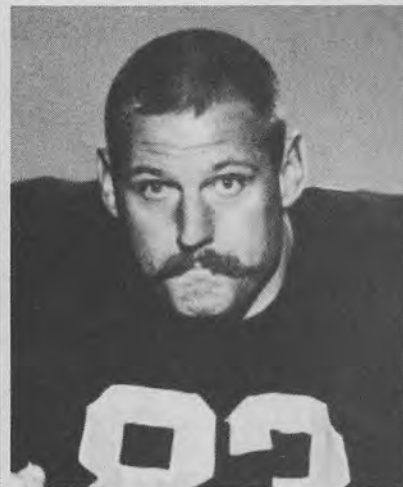
rick. The secondary may be a problem with Bobby Hunt and Fred Williamson gone, but almost every AFL team has weaknesses back there. What the Chiefs need more than anything else is pride. A loss of pride last year ruined them. A return to pride could return them to the top.

OAKLAND The defending champions of the American Football League would dearly love to establish a dynasty, but they just don't seem to have that dynastic look. Not yet, anyway.

Daryle Lamonica, the young quar-



BUCK BUCHANAN, Kansas City Chiefs



BEN DAVIDSON, Oakland Raiders



JERRY MAYS
Kansas City Chiefs



HEWRITT DIXON
Oakland Raiders



DICK POST, No. 22—BRAD HUBBERT, No. 26—WALT SWEENEY, No. 78—WILLIE FRAZIER, No. 83
RON MIX, No. 74—GARY KIRNER, No. 72—JOHN HADL, No. 21
San Diego Chargers

terback who became the league's MVP in 1967, is said to be an improving quarterback, but there are better pro passers around. Lamonica does not have a prepossessing set of receivers. Veteran Billy Cannon is the tight end, Fred Biletnikoff and Bill Miller the wide receivers; all lack speed. So Lamonica will be relying heavily on his running game, headed by veteran Clem Daniels (assuming he has recovered from his ankle fracture), Hewritt Dixon, Larry Todd and Pete Banaszak. The offensive line, featuring center Jim Otto and All-League guard Gene Upshaw, is a comfort to head coach Johnny Rauch.

Oakland's defense is adequate but there are holes. The interior line, keyed by captain Tom Keating, is rock-solid from pillar to pillar. Ben Davidson is a mustachioed pillar at one end, Ike Lassiter at the other end. Dan Birdwell is Keating's running mate at tackle. Linebackers are proficient enough but not overpower-

ing with Gus Otto and Dan Connors the best. The secondary has strengths, namely Kent McCloughan and Willie Brown, but weaknesses, too.

SAN DIEGO Last year was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Chargers, but they almost stole the whole thing. This year, rebuilding is an honest theme.

Offensively, the cast is familiar and good: John Hadl throwing to Lance Alworth (and to Willie Frazier and Gary Garrison); second-year running backs Dick Post and Brad Hubbert striking on the ground (with strong reserves in Gene Foster, Paul Lowe and Jim Allison), behind that crisp Sid Gillman blocking line led by two All-Leaguers, Ron Mix and Walt Sweeney. Defense is another story—inexperienced throughout. The front four is one of the weakest in the league, though rookie Russ Washington (6-6, 290) could help. The linebacking is pea-green and the secondary, which al-

lowed more yards passing than any other team in the league in 1967, is not much improved. Much is expected from Ron Hill, a No. 1 draft choice (the Chargers had two—Washington was the other one) from Texas A&I. He'll be in there somewhere with Speedy Duncan, Kenny Graham and perhaps another rookie, Dick Farley of Boston U.

CINCINNATI Our faith in the Bengals finishing out of the cellar rests largely on our faith in coaching genius Paul Brown. Youth is what Brown went after and youth is the best hope of the world today. Brown believes he has the quarterback he needs in John Stofa, who came from Miami. He also got some rich draft choices in center Bob Johnson of Tennessee, defensive tackle Bill Staley of Utah State, fullback Tom Smiley of Lamar Tech and halfback-flanker Warren McVea of Houston. The best youngsters from the established teams are halfback Bobby



FLOYD LITTLE, Denver Broncos



HOYLE GRANGER, Houston Oilers



JOHN STOFA, Cincinnati Bengals

Burnett of Buffalo, AFL Rookie-of-the-Year in 1966 but a knee casualty in '67; defensive back Fletcher Smith from Kansas City and four two-year men from Oakland—tackle Dan Archer, halfback Estes Banks, flanker Rod Sherman and the seven-foot defensive tackle, Richard Sligh, who needs hardening, and may get it under Brown.

DENVER This is the most "iffy" team in the West and if some of the "ifs" can come through, Denver can move up accordingly. For instance, will Steve Tensi improve as a quarterback or has he gone as far as he can? Will Floyd Little shake off injuries to hit his potential as a running back? Will last year's rookies at linebacker, John Huard, Chip Myrtle, Frank Richter, Lou Andrus and Carl Cunningham come on? And what about that woefully thin secondary? But Denver does have some solid performers. The best are flanker Al Denson and defensive tackle Dave Costa. Most promising draft choices are halfback Garrett Ford of West Virginia, defensive tackle Curley Culp

of Arizona State and tackle Bob Vaughn of Mississippi. "We did build a working nucleus for 1968," says coach Lou Saban. But the building must continue.

EAST

HOUSTON In an infinitely more equally balanced division, the East, any one of the five teams could surprise with a title, just as Houston did last year. But the likelihood is that the Oilers will cement the impression they made in '67. Their Magical Mystery Tour from last place to first was no fluke, though luck did play a part in the drama. Coach Wally Lemm did a fantastic overhauling job on the defense, did so well in fact that the '67 Oilers established new records for fewest touchdowns in one season, fewest touchdown passes and fewest points allowed.

Defense will carry the Oilers again in '68. It should be better than ever. Three '67 rookies—outside linebacker George Webster, defensive tackle Willie Parker and defensive back Ken Houston—should be much improved in '68, though it will be tough to improve on Webster's performance. The AFL's Rookie-of-the-Year was the outstanding linebacker in the league and is destined for a super career. In addition, Lemm made structural changes that worked beautifully. He moved tackle Pat Holmes to end and Holmes became an All-Star; he acquired Miller Farr from San Diego and Farr became an All-League cornerback. Veteran Garland Boyette switched from defensive end to middle linebacker and did well. After the '67 shakedown, this unit should be overwhelming in '68.

The offense, unfortunately, is far from overwhelming. Pete Beathard came to the Oilers from Kansas City after the fourth game of the season and he never did find himself as a passer, though he did move the team well. Will he come on? That's the



BOB GRIESE, Miami Dolphins

Oilers' big question. Part of Pete's troubles were his receivers—Charley Frazier, Lionel Taylor and Ode Burrell, who were, and are, overly seasoned. So Houston had to rely, and did, on a running game. Hoyle Granger, with 1194 yards, only 22 behind league leader Jim Nance, was outstanding at fullback. And rookie Woodie Campbell was a pleasant surprise. The offensive line, led by All-League guard Bob Talamini, was more than adequate. But now Talamini says he's going to retire. It'll be a tough blow for the Oilers.

BUFFALO Head coach Joe Collier and his assistants learned to smile at adversity last year. They had to because adversity was a malicious instrument that helped tumble the Bills from the top. No fewer than 24 players missed at least one of the 14 regular-season games; the most seriously injured were among the Bills' top players—the league's best guard, Billy Shaw; split ends Art Powell and Bobby Crockett; offensive tackle Dick Hudson; middle linebacker Harry Jacobs; and defensive end Ron

McDole. It's got to get better. But you never know.

The nucleus is there, especially on offense. If Shaw and Hudson recover from knee injuries the line will be fine. Joe O'Donnell is a solid guard, Stew Barber and Al Bemiller proficient veterans at tackle and center. If Powell and Crockett recover it will lift quarterback Jack Kemp's passing attack. Look for highly regarded rookie Haven Moses to move in at flanker ahead of veteran Elbert Dubenion. Kemp has another good receiver in tight end Paul Costa, but Costa is not a top-flight blocker. The best receiver on the Bills last year was Keith Lincoln, who was also the best ball-carrier. But Lincoln can't do it alone and running back will be a worrisome spot in '68.

The defensive front four has always been a Buffalo strong point and will continue to be. Tackles Tom Sestak and Jim Dunaway are a solid pair. McDole, when healthy, is a strong end. Howard Kindig can be challenged at the other end. The

likely challenger: rookie Bob Tatarek of Miami. The linebackers—Mike Stratton, Paul Guidry and Jacobs—do the job. The secondary is one of the best in the league, with cornerbacks Butch Byrd and Booker Edger-son and safeties George Saines and Tom Janik. Hagood Clarke and Pete Richardson could also fit in here.

NEW YORK What is it with the Jets? Every year they start out like Gangbusters and end up like Bonnie & Clyde. The truth is the Jets aren't as strong as those early season performances would seem to indicate, and probably not as weak as those late-season foldos show. The chief problem is depth. A running back like Emerson Boozer gets knocked out and it ruins the Jets' ground attack. Boozer, who looked like one of the best runners in the league until his knee injury, must still be listed as a question mark; he had severe ligament and cartilage tears. If he can't come back the Jets are menaced. Matt Snell, himself a victim of a knee in-

jury, is a fine inside runner when sound. But there's not much behind these two, unless No. 1 rookie Lee White of Weber State turns out to be a find (and scouting reports say he's not).

That brings it back to Joe Namath, as has always been the case. Namath is the outstanding passer in the league even with two knees tied together with yo-yo string. He can lift a club singlehandedly, and, fortunately, he's got the quality receivers. George Sauer and Don Maynard finished one-two in the league in catches, and tight end Pete Lammons is another good one, too. The offensive line is heavy but quantity isn't enough and there's not enough quality in there. The defensive line is another story. Gerry Philbin is the most underrated end in the league and Verlon Biggs should be a top end but he seems to lack desire. Paul Rochester is a tackle who makes no mistakes. Linebackers Larry Grantham, Al Atkinson and Ralph Baker are a hard-nosed trio. The defensive sec-

JOE NAMATH, No. 12 and DAVE HERMAN, No. 67, New York Jets



TOM SESTAK, Buffalo Bills





HOUSTON ANTWINE, No. 65—JIM HUNT, No. 79—LARRY EISENHAUER, No. 72, Boston Patriots

ondary is simply not good enough. Johnny Sample has retired and that leaves Jim Hudson, Billy Baird and Randy Beverly. Help!

MIAMI It was no mistake that the Dolphins, in their first year in the league, won more games (three) than any first-year expansion team, and in their second year won four games. They'll do better this year, if they get the breaks.

The thing that helped the Dolphins the most last year was the emergence of rookie Bob Griese as a quarterback with immense potential. The Purdue youngster completed 50.2 percent of his passes and at one point threw 122 times without an interception, an AFL one-year record. He's got the stuff to become the John Unitas of the AFL. Griese had help, though. Another '67 rookie, Jack Clancy of Michigan, set a pass-catching record for first-year men with 67 receptions. Doug Moreau, the tight end, and Howard Twilley, at flanker, were good receivers, too. The offensive line, featuring Norm Evans, Billy Neighbors and Tom Goode, was surprisingly effective. Running back

is a problem, though, with no player emerging as a consistent ground gainer. No. 1 draft choice Larry Csonka of Syracuse could star as a rookie. The Dolphins also have veteran Joe Auer, Stan Mitchell and Jack Harper. In the Dolphins' last five games Mitchell started at fullback and Harper at halfback and Miami won three of the games.

The defensive line was green but showed promise. Second-year men John Richardson and Jim Riley will certainly improve. John Bramlett was the best of the linebackers but the Dolphins are still hoping that Frank Emanuel, a good-looking rookie in '66, will come along. Rookie Jimmy Keyes of Ole Miss is another youngster with promise. Veteran cornerbacks Dick Westmoreland and Jim Warren did a fine job last year. Veteran Willie West combined with Bob Neff at safety. Dick Anderson, one of six picks in the first-round draft, is also a safety possibility.

BOSTON The problem here has always been a penny-pinching ownership, locked in by an inadequate stadium and, consequently, inade-

quate funds. Under the circumstances coach Mike Holovak does an outstanding job year after year. Holovak has developed many football players out of men who came to the pros minus tremendous reputations. His best ballplayers today are of course fullback Jim Nance, the top ground-gainer in the league the last two years; middle linebacker Nick Buoniconti and center Jon Morris. And look for guard, Len St. Jean to become an All-Leaguer soon.

The Pats' chief trouble spot is quarterback. Babe Parilli is 38 and on the way out, but can Don Trull pick up the team? The Pats do have adequate receivers in Art Graham and the veteran Gino Cappelletti, a kicking machine as well as pass catcher. Larry Garron, the No. 2 runner, is only adequate. The Pats have a fine defensive front four headed by Larry Eisenhauer and Houston Antwine. No. 1 draft choice, Dennis Byrd of North Carolina State, could move in. Two '67 rookies, John Charles and Leroy Mitchell, helped the defensive backfield which has always been understaffed.

AL SILVERMAN

1968

AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 6 FRIDAY

Kansas City at Houston

SEPTEMBER 8 SUNDAY

Boston at Buffalo

SEPTEMBER 9 MONDAY

Cincinnati at San Diego
BYE—Denver, Miami, New York, Oakland

SEPTEMBER 14 SATURDAY

Houston at Miami

SEPTEMBER 15 SUNDAY

Denver at Cincinnati
New York at Kansas City
Oakland at Buffalo
BYE—Boston, San Diego

SEPTEMBER 21 SATURDAY

Houston at San Diego
Oakland at Miami

SEPTEMBER 22 SUNDAY

Buffalo at Cincinnati
Denver at Kansas City
New York vs. Boston at Birmingham

SEPTEMBER 28 SATURDAY

Kansas City at Miami

SEPTEMBER 29 SUNDAY

Boston at Denver
New York at Buffalo
Oakland at Houston
San Diego at Cincinnati

OCTOBER 5 SATURDAY

Kansas City at Buffalo
San Diego at New York

OCTOBER 6 SUNDAY

Boston at Oakland
Cincinnati at Denver
Miami at Houston

OCTOBER 12 SATURDAY

Buffalo at Miami

OCTOBER 13 SUNDAY

Cincinnati at Kansas City
Denver at New York
Houston at Boston
San Diego at Oakland

OCTOBER 20 SUNDAY

Buffalo at Boston
Denver at San Diego
Miami at Cincinnati
New York at Houston
Oakland at Kansas City

OCTOBER 27 SUNDAY

Boston at New York
Cincinnati at Oakland
Houston at Buffalo
Miami at Denver
San Diego at Kansas City

NOVEMBER 3 SUNDAY

Buffalo at New York
Denver at Boston
Houston at Cincinnati
Kansas City at Oakland
Miami at San Diego

NOVEMBER 10 SUNDAY

Houston at New York
Kansas City at Cincinnati
Miami at Buffalo
Oakland at Denver
San Diego at Boston

NOVEMBER 17 SUNDAY

Boston at Kansas City

Cincinnati at Miami
Denver at Houston
New York at Oakland
San Diego at Buffalo

NOVEMBER 24 SUNDAY

Buffalo at Denver
Miami at Boston
New York at San Diego
Oakland at Cincinnati
BYE—Houston, Kansas City

NOVEMBER 28 THURSDAY (Thanksgiving)

Buffalo at Oakland
Houston at Kansas City

DECEMBER 1 SUNDAY

Cincinnati at Boston
Miami at New York
San Diego at Denver

DECEMBER 7 SATURDAY

Buffalo at Houston

DECEMBER 8 SUNDAY

Boston at Miami
Cincinnati at New York
Denver at Oakland
Kansas City at San Diego

DECEMBER 14 SATURDAY

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DECEMBER 29 SUNDAY

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Texas looks like the best in the SWC, but the Longhorns better be on guard against a resurgent Arkansas

TEXAS An earthquake could stop the Longhorns this year and so could bubonic plague. That's all. Otherwise, there doesn't seem to be much standing between Texas and its first Southwest Conference title since 1963. The Longhorns look like the class of the league.

To start with (and it's quite a way to start), there is tailback Chris Gilbert and quarterback Bill Bradley back to give UT perhaps the most explosive one-two punch in the country. They alone are good enough reason to pick Texas to improve upon its 4-3 conference record of a year ago, which tied it for third, and 6-4 overall mark. Gilbert rushed for over 1000 yards for the second straight year, finishing with 1019, which is already almost 500 yards better than the previous UT career rushing record. He needs only 520 yards this season to give him the all-time Southwest Conference record. Among his numerous long runs last season was a 96-yarder that broke the old conference record by one yard.

Bradley, who has been plagued with knee trouble since the start of his career at Texas, is healthy at last. Last year, despite his aches, he completed 72 of 153 passes for 1181 yards, had a 41.8-yard punting average, and scored 60 points.

The Longhorns have a lot of experienced support for their two premier backs, too. There are 23 lettermen back, 19 of whom started last year. Last season's four losses were by a total of 20 points. There's no reason to think UT can't reverse those results, providing the returning veterans show normal improvement. And if they don't, there are a host of eager graduates of an unbeaten freshman team just dying to get a shot at a starting varsity position. The freshmen scored 201 points in five victories, an average of 40 per game, but as of spring practice there were only five tentatively listed among the 22 regular spots. That immediately tells you something about the potential of this year's team.

Beside Gilbert and Bradley, the standouts are guard Danny Abbott, tackle Loyd Wainscott, linebacker



SOUTHWEST



CHRIS GILBERT, No. 25, BILL BRADLEY, No. 18, Texas

Corby Robertson and end Deryl Comer. Abbott and Wainscott were All-Conference selections last year, and Robertson was chosen to the *Look* All-America team by a poll of coaches. They, and the rest of the impressive beef assembled at the Austin campus this year, have coach Darrell Royal eagerly looking forward to the opening kickoff.

ARKANSAS The sad Razorbacks slumped to a 4-5-1 record (3-3-1 and fifth place in the conference) last year after a brilliant combined 29-3 record from 1964 through 1966. It was Frank Broyles' second worst season in ten years as head coach at Arkansas. It should turn around this year. Led by Dave Dickey, who has been switched from wingback to tailback, Arkansas has nine offensive and seven defensive starters returning in its attempt to climb back to its accustomed pinnacle. With 26 lettermen back, Broyles is in business once more.

Dickey, an All-SWC selection last year, scored 16 touchdowns to finish second in the national scoring race with 96 points. In addition to his clout as a runner from scrimmage, he is a fine receiver and kickoff-return specialist. Other Razorbacks to watch are defensive back Gary Adams, defensive tackle Terry Don Phillips, injured last season, offensive guard Jim Barnes, split end Max Peacock, who caught 30 passes for 468 yards and five touchdowns last year, safety Terry Stewart, defensive tackle Jerry Dossey and quarterback John Eichler, a junior who is fighting off four challengers for the starting job. If Eichler falters, sophomore Bill Montgomery will probably get the call. Montgomery, who is being touted as one of the finest prospects out of Texas in a decade, completed 55 of 97 passes for the freshmen last year.

Look for Arkansas to play a more wide-open offense this season, often switching from the I formation into one that features two split ends and two pass-receiving backs. On defense, the Razorbacks look solid in the secondary but average at ends and linebackers.

TEXAS A&M The Aggies staged one of the great turnabouts in college football last year, losing their first four games then winning seven straight, including a Cotton Bowl victory over Alabama. They won the Southwest Conference title with a 6-1 record, and one look at the champions' losses indicates how close they came to a perfect season. They lost to SMU by three points,

to Purdue by four, to LSU by 11 and to Florida State by one. Lack of depth is a critical weakness this season, but if Texas A&M can stay healthy it figures to at least be respectable, maybe more.

A total of 33 lettermen are back, including quarterback Edd Hargett, tailback Larry Stegent, fullback Wendell Housley and wingback Barney Harris. Hargett and Housley are going into their third years on the varsity and are being counted on for much of the offensive punch.

A key to Texas A&M's season will be how well holes can be filled at both offensive guard positions and one offensive tackle spot. Nine players had been tested at those three positions in spring practice. Some of the defensive linemen being counted upon heavily are end Jim Piper, tackles Rolf Krueger and Harvey Aschenbeck, middle guard Lynn Odom, linebackers Bill Hobbs and Jack Whitmore, and roving linebacker Ivan Jones. If they stay healthy, the Aggies should be a contender, though they don't figure to challenge Texas.

TEXAS TECH For the Red Raiders to come anywhere close to duplicating last year's success (they finished second in the SWC with a 5-2 record and were 6-4 overall) they

will have to replace key losses along both the offensive and defensive lines.

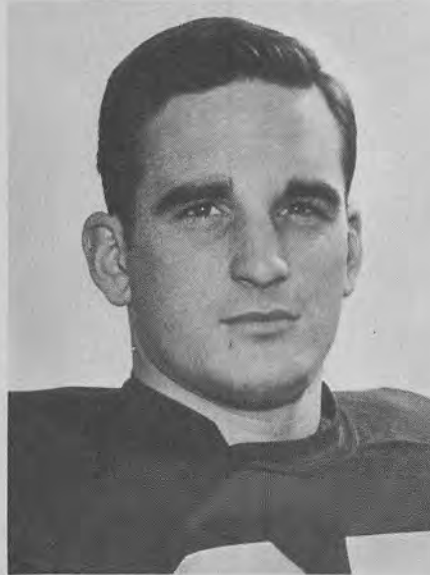
Three defensive spots are open, at linebacker, tackle and end, while the offensive positions to be filled are at guard, center and tackle. Among the missing is All-America guard Phil Tucker and All-SWC center Jerry Turner. The key men missing in the backfield are All-SWC halfback Mike Leinert, the leading

rusher last season, and quarterback John Scovell.

Heading the returning veterans are four all-conference selections; tackle James Moylan, guard Don King, fullback Jackie Stewart, who averaged 6.1 yards per carry, and safety Larry Alford. Quarterback Joe Matulich, who played the last two games of last season, looked good in spring practice. A big question mark is defensive end George Cox, who injured his knee against Texas A&M last year. A healthy Cox would significantly bolster Tech's defense, particularly against the pass. In all, there are 33 lettermen back, an impressive figure. But Tech's season largely depends on filling those important line openings. If adequate replacements are found, the Red Raiders should at least be in the upper half of the conference.

BAYLOR The Bears are on the way back from last year's 0-6-1 last-place finish in the conference. There are three basic reasons for Baylor's bullishness: (1) an abundance of quarterback talent, (2) experience in the offensive line, and (3) changes in the defensive strategy.

"We have more overall ability at quarterback than any year I can remember," says coach John Bridgers.



DAVID DICKEY, Arkansas

DERYL COMER, Texas

GARY ADAMS, Arkansas



The signal callers are lettermen Alvin Flynn and Joe Reed and sophomores Steve Stuart and Laney Cook, up from a 4-1 freshman team.

Baylor has experience at every offensive line position headed, by All-SWC tackle Richard Stevens ("as fine an offensive lineman as we've had at Baylor," Bridgers says). Stevens will block for fullback Pinky Palmer, who gained 333 yards last year and is being touted as a potential all-conference back this year. John Westbrook, who averaged 4.5 yards per carry as a sophomore two seasons ago, may be over the knee injury that plagued him last year.

The defense has been changed from a wide-tackle six formation to the five-man front with the monster or roving linebacker. Tackles Tommy Reaux and Walter Groth or Ronnie Woodward and guards



WENDELL HOUSLEY, Texas A&M

Trent Phillips and Bobby Henderson are the top defensive line prospects. Sophomore Tommy Bambrick looks like the starting monster. Jackie Allen and Steve Lane are the best defensive backs.

Overall, Baylor is a young team, with only six seniors listed among the top 44 players. They're good youngsters, but they'll make the normal mistakes of inexperience. They'll improve on last year's overall 1-8-1 record, but the Bears are a year away from anything dramatic.

TCU Texas Christian, 4-3 in the SWC and tied for third last year, lacks a quarterback. The Frogs are young, but appear to have the makings of a powerful running attack, an improved offensive line and an experienced, solid defense. But the major disappointment of spring practice was the inability of any of

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three quarterback candidates to establish himself as No. 1.

The running game is anchored by all-conference halfback Ross Montgomery, whose 700 yards placed him second in rushing in the conference. He's 6-3, weighs 219 and runs the 100 in 9.6. Norman Bulaich, hurting in 1966 with a knee injury, is healthy and will be the starting fullback. Halfback Marty Whelan and fullback Sammy Rabb, who will probably switch to another position, are also good runners.

The offensive line is headed by guard James Ray, who is considered one of the finest linemen ever produced at TCU. End Bill Ferguson, the captain of the baseball team, is also a Frog to be watched.

Eight starters are back on defense, led by guard Larry Adams and tackles Terry Shackelford and Clay

Mitchell. The linebacking is only fair, but with three returning starters, the secondary looks good. In all, a lot of promising material almost everywhere but at quarterback. And, unfortunately, a team can't go too far without a top signal caller. "We have to find a quarterback . . . but I think we are in better shape at the beginning in personnel," coach Fred Taylor said. "We should have a better football team . . . but everyone else should be stronger, too." TCU was 4-6 overall last year. Figure the Frogs for about the same this season.

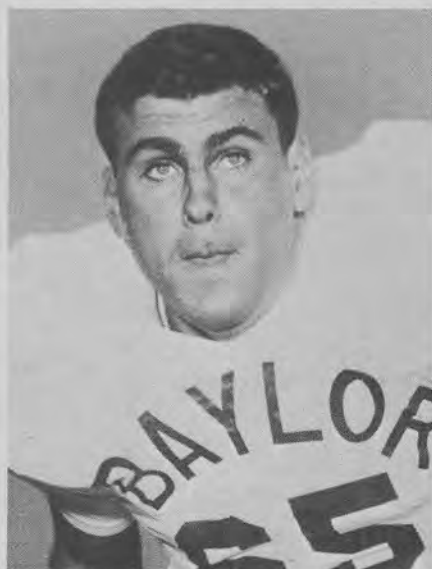
RICE Here is the possible surprise team in the SWC. Coach Bo Hagan, looking forward to his second season, says, "We'll run wide and throw more." He has 22 returning lettermen, 12 from the offense and 10 from the defense, to improve upon last year's 2-5 seventh-place finish. The Owls were 4-6 overall.

Robby Shelton, second in the SWC in rushing as a sophomore in '66 but hurt much of last season, is back at quarterback. Larry Davis, who caught 45 passes for 708 yards as a sophomore last year and made the all-league team, is an excellent receiver. Versatile Dan Van Winkle, split end as a sophomore in '66, a blocking wingback last year and the team punter, is being counted upon for receiving and rushing strength this year.

Tackle Leland Winston, a 230-pounder who made the All-SWC team last year, heads the returning linemen. He'll be joined by tackles Gene Auldrige and Steve Bradshaw, end Ronnie Marsh, guard Paul Fields and defensive backs Pascual Piedfort and Ronnie Sollock,

all returning veterans. There are openings at two linebacker spots, tailback, defensive halfback, split end and a few line positions. Sophomore graduates of a 3-2 freshman squad are expected to fill in. A healthy Shelton, good performances from the sophomores, and a defense that lives up to its fierce description ("hitters, haters, hurters,") could move Rice up a few notches in the conference.

SMU The Mustangs have wonderful Jerry Levias back—and a lot of question marks. Unfortunately, one of the biggest question marks is at quarterback, where three candidates, none with one minute of varsity experience, are battling for the starting job. And without a good quarterback, Levias, an All-America end who caught 57 passes last year



RICHARD STEVENS, Baylor



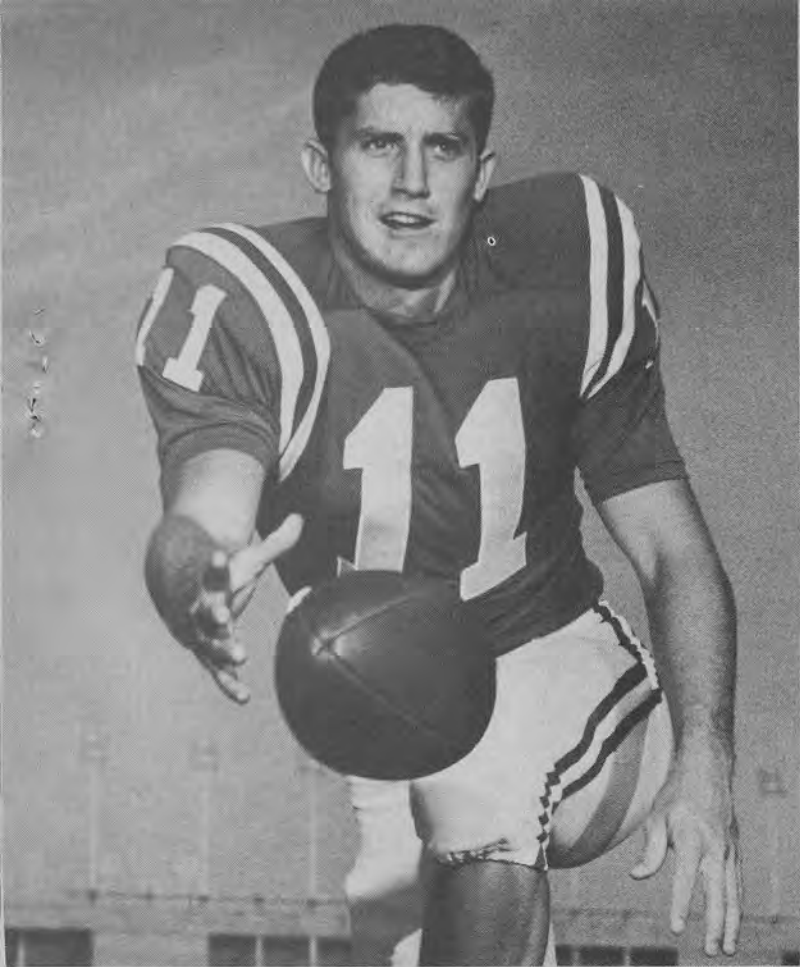
ROSS MONTGOMERY, TCU



JACKIE STEWART,
Texas Tech

BILL HOBBS,
Texas A&M





BOBBY SHELTON, Rice



JERRY LEVIAS, SMU

for 724 yards and seven touchdowns, can't do his thing very well.

Besides Levias, the returning offensive starters are running backs Mike Richardson and Pinky Clements, guards Que Brittain and Keith Cupples and tackle Terry May. On defense, the returning starters are end Mike Mitchell, guard R.D. Crenshaw, linebackers Bruce Portillo and Tommy Fraser.

In a capsule, SMU's strengths are its excellent receiving, and good running attack, linebacking and defensive end play. It's weaknesses are at defensive tackle, in the defensive secondary, in the kicking game and, of course, at quarterback. The Mustangs won the SWC title in '66 then slumped to 3-4 and sixth place last year. Overall, they were 3-7. "We were rebuilding last year and we're rebuilding again this year," said coach Hayden Fry. The growing pains undoubtedly wouldn't be nearly as painful with a proven quarterback. "A quarterback to a team is just like a carburetor is to a car," philosophized Fry. "No matter how fine a car you have it's not going to run good if you don't have a good carburetor."

INDEPENDENT

HOUSTON The Cougars have 13



PAUL GIPSON, Houston

of 22 starters back from a team that finished with a 7-3 record, led the country for the second straight year in total offense and was No. 1 in rushing offense. Even with the loss of three All-Americans, guard Rich Stotter, split end Ken Hebert and halfback Warren McVea, they again look powerful.

Heading the list of returning offensive starters is a fourth All-America selection, halfback Paul Gipson. Gipson gained 1100 yards, seventh

best in the country, and scored 11 touchdowns. Other potential backfield stars are fullback Carlos Bell, a member of the great basketball team, and quarterback Ken Bailey. The top offensive lineman appears to be 220-pound tackle, Bill Cloud. On defense, where the Cougars have eight of 11 starters back from a squad that ranked 10th nationally in total defense, the standouts are cornerback Johnny Peacock, end Jerry Drones and tackle Jerry Gardner.

They will be joined by veteran end Robert Hall, tackle Cliff Larson, linebackers Mike Johnston, Wade Phillips and Glenn Graef, and defensive backs Mike Simpson and Paul Shires. The experience at linebacker and in the defensive secondary will help ease the loss of Greg Brezina, who received All-America honors at linebacker last season, and safeties Tom Paciorek and Gus Hollomon, who each intercepted three passes last year. Shires and junior Allen Summerford are expected to step into the shoes of Paciorek and Hollomon. The '68 schedule does not look quite as rugged as last year's, which included four Bowl teams, so Houston, which has been ranked in the top 20 the last two years, could crack the top ten this season.

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A once familiar sight—coach Darrell Royal being carried off the field after Texas was named the top team in college football—should be repeated this season.





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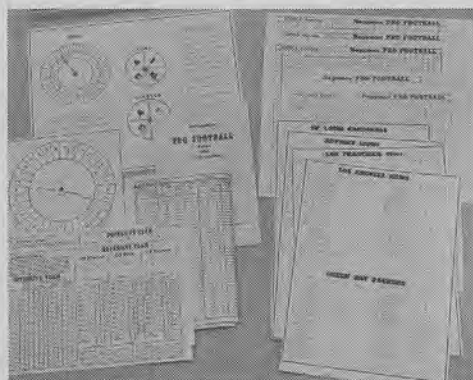
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MAJOR COLLEGE SCHEDULES BY DATES, 1968 SEASON

(Teams with asterisk following denotes night game)

HOME TEAM	OPPONENT	HOME TEAM	OPPONENT
SEPTEMBER 14		Arizona St.	Wisconsin*
SATURDAY		Arkansas	Oklahoma St. (at Little Rock, Ark.)
Dayton	Kent State*	Army	Citadel
East Carolina	Parsons*	Auburn	SMU
Houston	Tulane*	Boston U.	Colgate
Iowa St.	Buffalo	Bowling Green	Ball State
Marshall	Morehead St.*	Bucknell	Davidson
Nebraska	Wyoming	Colorado	Oregon
New Mexico	Colorado St. U.*	Dayton	St. Joseph's (Ind.)*
Tennessee	Georgia	East Carolina	Wm. & Mary
Toledo	Richmond*	Florida	Air Force (at Tampa, Fla.)
Utah St.	New Mexico St.	Georgia Tech	TCU
U. Texas, El Paso	U. California, Santa Barb.*	Illinois	Kansas
Wake Forest	N. C. State	Indiana	Baylor
Western Mich.	Arkansas St.	Iowa	Oregon St.
West Texas State	Lamar Tech*	Iowa St.	Arizona
Xavier	Miami (O.)*	Kansas St.	Colorado St. U.
SEPTEMBER 20		Kent St.	Buffalo
FRIDAY		Kentucky	Missouri
Miami (Fla.)	Northwestern*	Louisiana St.	Texas A&M*
SEPTEMBER 21		Maryland	Florida St.
SATURDAY		Memphis St.	Mississippi*
Alabama	Virginia Tech*	Michigan	California
(at Birmingham, Ala.)		Michigan St.	Syracuse
		Minnesota	Southern Cal.
		Miss. State	Louisiana Tech
		Nebraska	Utah
		No. Carolina	N. C. State
		No. Texas St.	New Mexico St.*
		Notre Dame	Oklahoma
		Ohio U.	Marshall
		Pacific	Miami (O.)*
		Penn State	Navy

HOME TEAM

OPPONENT

Purdue	Virginia
Rutgers	Lafayette
South Carolina	Duke*
SE Louisiana	Southern Miss.*
Southern Ill.	Louisville
Stanford	San Jose St.
Texas	Houston*
Texas Tech	Cincinnati*
UCLA	Pittsburgh*
U. Texas, El Paso	New Mexico*
Vanderbilt	VMI*
Villanova	Toledo*
Wake Forest	Clemson
Washington	Rice
Washington St.	Idaho
(at Spokane, Wash.)	
Western Mich.	Brigham Young
West Texas St.	Wichita St.*
West Virginia	Richmond
Wyoming	Utah St.
Xavier	Quantico Marines*

SEPTEMBER 28

SATURDAY

Air Force	Wyoming
Alabama	So. Mississippi
(at Mobile, Ala.)	
Arizona St.	U. Texas, El Paso*
Arkansas	Tulsa
Army	Vanderbilt
Bowling Green	Dayton
Brigham Young	Iowa St.*
Brown	Rhode Island
Buffalo	Massachusetts
California	Colorado
Cincinnati	Xavier*
Citadel	Lehigh*
Colorado St. U.	North Texas St.
Columbia	Lafayette
Cornell	Colgate
Dartmouth	New Hampshire
Duke	Michigan
Florida St.	Florida
Georgia	Clemson
Georgia Tech	Miami (Fla.)
Harvard	Holy Cross
Illinois	Missouri
Kansas	Indiana
Kent St.	Ohio U.
La. Tech	East Carolina*
Miami (O.)	Western Mich.
Michigan St.	Baylor
Minnesota	Nebraska
Mississippi	Kentucky*
(at Jackson, Miss.)	
Miss. State	Auburn
(at Jackson, Miss.)	
Navy	Boston Coll.
New Mexico	Arizona*
New Mexico St.	U. Texas, Arlington*
North Carolina	So. Carolina
Northwestern	Southern Cal.
Notre Dame	Purdue
Ohio State	SMU
Oklahoma	N. C. State
Oregon	Stanford
Pennsylvania	Bucknell
Penn State	Kansas St.
Pittsburgh	West Virginia
Princeton	Rutgers
Rice	Louisiana St.*
Richmond	Davidson*
San Jose St.	Fresno St.*
Syracuse	Maryland
Tennessee	Memphis State
TCU	Iowa*
Texas Tech	Texas*
Toledo	Marshall*
Tulane	Texas A&M*
UCLA	Washington St.*
Utah	Oregon St.
Utah St.	Wichita St.
Villanova	Delaware
Virginia	VMI
West Texas St.	Pacific*
Wm. & Mary	Virginia Tech
Wisconsin	Washington
Yale	Connecticut

OCTOBER 4

FRIDAY

Houston	Cincinnati*
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HOME TEAM

OPPONENT

OCTOBER 5

SATURDAY

Arizona	U. Texas, El Paso*
Boston Coll.	Buffalo
Brown	Pennsylvania
California	San Jose St.
Cornell	Rutgers
Dayton	Louisville*
Duke	Maryland
(at Norfolk, Va.)	
Florida	Miss. State
Florida St.	Texas A&M*
Furman	Citadel
Georgia Tech	Clemson
Harvard	Bucknell
Holy Cross	Dartmouth
Indiana	Illinois
Iowa	Notre Dame
Iowa St.	Colorado
Kansas	New Mexico
Kentucky	Auburn*
Lamar Tech	New Mexico St.*
Louisiana St.	Baylor*
Miami (O.)	Kent State
Michigan	Navy
Minnesota	Wake Forest
Mississippi	Alabama
(at Jackson, Miss.)	
Missouri	Army
Montana	Utah St.
Montana St.	West Texas St.
North Texas St.	Memphis State*
Northwestern	Purdue
Ohio State	Oregon
Ohio U.	Toledo
Oregon St.	Washington
Pittsburgh	Wm. & Mary
Princeton	Columbia
Rice	Tennessee*
So. Carolina	Georgia*
Southern Cal.	Miami (Fla.)*
SMU	N. C. State
Southern Miss.	East Carolina*
Stanford	Air Force
Syracuse	UCLA
Texas	Oklahoma St.*
TCU	Arkansas*
Texas Tech	Colorado St. U.*
Tulane	Tampa*
Tulsa	Southern Ill.*
Vanderbilt	North Carolina*
Virginia	Davidson
VMI	Villanova
Virginia Tech	Kansas St.
Washington St.	Utah
Western Mich.	Bowling Green
West Virginia	Penn State
Wichita St.	Drake*
Wisconsin	Michigan St.
Wyoming	Arizona St.
Xavier	Marshall*
Yale	Colgate

OCTOBER 11

FRIDAY

Miami (Fla.)	Louisiana St.*
VMI	West Virginia*
(at Roanoke, Va.)	

OCTOBER 12

SATURDAY

Air Force	Navy
(at Chicago, Ill.)	
Alabama	Vanderbilt
Arizona St.	Washington St.*
Arkansas	Baylor
Army	California
Boston Coll.	Villanova
Brigham Young	Wyoming
Buffalo	Delaware
Cincinnati	Tampa*
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Colgate	Holy Cross
Columbia	Harvard
Cornell	Pennsylvania
Dartmouth	Princeton
Davidson	Connecticut
Duke	Virginia
Florida	Tulane
Georgia	Mississippi

HOME TEAM

OPPONENT

Georgia Tech	Tennessee
Houston	Oklahoma St.*
Iowa	Indiana
Kansas St.	Iowa St.
Kent State	Western Mich.
Kentucky	Oregon St.*
Lehigh	Rutgers
Louisville	Tulsa
Marshall	Miami (O.)*
Maryland	North Carolina
Memphis State	West Texas St.*
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Missouri	Colorado
Nebraska	Kansas
N. C. State	South Carolina*
North Texas St.	Northern Mich.*
Notre Dame	Northwestern
Ohio State	Purdue
Stanford	Southern Cal.
Syracuse	Pittsburgh
Texas	Oklahoma
(at Dallas, Tex.)	

Texas A&M	Texas Tech*
TCU	SMU*
Toledo	Bowling Green*
UCLA	Penn State
Utah	New Mexico*
U. Texas, El Paso	Long Beach St.*
Virginia Tech	Wake Forest
Washington	Oregon
Wichita St.	Colorado St. U.*
Wm. & Mary	Ohio U.
Wisconsin	Utah St.
Yale	Brown

OCTOBER 18

FRIDAY

Miami (Fla.)	Virginia Tech*
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OCTOBER 19

SATURDAY

Arizona	Brigham Young*
Auburn	Georgia Tech
(at Birmingham, Ala.)	
Boston U.	Holy Cross
Bowling Green	Kent State
Buffalo	Villanova
California	UCLA
Citadel	VMI*
Clemson	Duke
Colorado	Kansas St.
Colorado St. U.	Air Force
Dartmouth	Brown
Dayton	Southern Ill.
Florida St.	Memphis State*
Georgia	Vanderbilt
Harvard	Cornell
Indiana	Michigan
Iowa	Wisconsin
Kansas	Oklahoma St.
Louisiana St.	Kentucky*
Marshall	Louisville
Maryland	South Carolina
Michigan St.	Minnesota
Mississippi	Southern Miss.
Miss. State	Texas Tech*
(at Jackson, Miss.)	
Navy	Pittsburgh
Nebraska	Missouri
New Mexico	San Jose St.
North Carolina	Florida
N. C. State	Virginia
Northwestern Ill.	Xavier
Notre Dame	Illinois
Ohio State	Northwestern
Ohio U.	Miami (O.)
Oklahoma	Iowa St.
Oregon	Idaho
Oregon St.	Arizona St.
(at Portland, Ore.)	
Pacific	Utah St.*
Pennsylvania	Lehigh
Princeton	Colgate
Purdue	Wake Forest
Richmond	Furman*
Rutgers	Army
Southern Cal.	Washington
SMU	Rice*
Tennessee	Alabama
Texas	Arkansas*

HOME TEAM

OPPONENT

Texas A&M	TCU*
Tulane	Boston Coll.
Tulsa	North Texas St.
U. Texas, El Paso	New Mexico St.*
Washington St.	Stanford
(at Spokane, Wash.)	
Western Mich.	Toledo
West Texas St.	U. Texas, Arlington*
Wichita St.	Cincinnati*
Wm. & Mary	West Virginia
(at Richmond, Va.)	
Wyoming	Utah
Yale	Columbia

OCTOBER 26

SATURDAY

Alabama	Clemson
Arkansas	North Texas St.*
(at Little Rock, Ark.)	
Army	Duke
Auburn	Miami (Fla.)
Baylor	Texas A&M*
Boston Coll.	Penn State
Brigham Young	U. Texas, El Paso
Brown	Colgate
Buffalo	Holy Cross
California	Syracuse
Chattanooga	Citadel
Cincinnati	Tulsa
Colorado	Oklahoma
Colorado St. U.	Pacific
Columbia	Rutgers
Cornell	Yale
Davidson	Furman
East Carolina	Richmond*
Georgia Tech	Tulane
Harvard	Dartmouth
Illinois	Ohio State
Indiana	Arizona
Iowa St.	Kansas
Kansas St.	Missouri
Kent State	Toledo
Kentucky	Georgia*
Louisiana St.	TCU*
Marshall	Western Mich.
Memphis State	Southern Miss.*
Miami (O.)	Bowling Green
Michigan	Minnesota
Michigan St.	Notre Dame
Mississippi	Houston
(at Jackson, Miss.)	

Navy	Virginia
N. C. State	Maryland
Northern Ill.	New Mexico St.
Northwestern	Wisconsin
Ohio U.	Dayton
Oklahoma St.	Nebraska
Oregon	Utah
Pennsylvania	Princeton
Pittsburgh	Air Force
Purdue	Iowa
Rice	Texas*
San Diego St.	San Jose St.*
South Carolina	Florida St.*
Tampa	Miss. State*
Texas Tech	SMU
UCLA	Stanford
Utah St.	West Texas St.
Vanderbilt	Florida
Villanova	Xavier
VMI	Wm. & Mary
Virginia Tech	West Virginia
Wake Forest	North Carolina
Washington	Idaho
Washington St.	Oregon St.
Wichita St.	Louisville*
Wyoming	New Mexico

NOVEMBER 1

FRIDAY

Miami (Fla.)	Pittsburgh*
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NOVEMBER 2

SATURDAY

Air Force	North Carolina
Alabama	Miss. State
Arizona	Washington St.
Arizona St.	New Mexico*
Bowling Green	Marshall
Brown	Princeton
Colgate	Lehigh

HOME TEAM

OPPONENT

Colorado St. U.	Wyoming
Columbia	Cornell
Davidson	Citadel
(at Charlotte, N.C.)	
Duke	Georgia Tech
Florida	Auburn
Florida St.	Virginia Tech*
Furman	East Carolina*
Georgia	Houston
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Holy Cross	Syracuse
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Kansas	Colorado
Louisville	Kent State
Louisiana St.	Mississippi*
Minnesota	Iowa
Missouri	Oklahoma St.
Navy	Notre Dame
(at Philadelphia, Pa.)	

New Mexico St.	West Texas St.*
N. C. State	Clemson
North Texas St.	Cincinnati
Northwestern	Michigan
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West Virginia	Kentucky
Wm. & Mary	Villanova
Wisconsin	Indiana
Xavier	Dayton
Yale	Dartmouth

NOVEMBER 9

SATURDAY

Air Force	Arizona
Alabama	Louisiana St.
(at Birmingham, Ala.)	
Arizona St.	Utah*
Arkansas	Rice
Army	Boston Coll.
Auburn	Tennessee*
(at Birmingham, Ala.)	

Baylor	Texas
Bowling Green	Ohio U.
Brigham Young	Utah St.
Brown	Cornell
Bucknell	Colgate
Cincinnati	Louisville
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Duke	N. C. State
East Carolina	Tampa
Florida	Georgia
(at Jacksonville, Fla.)	

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Notre Dame	Pittsburgh

HOME TEAM

OPPONENT

Oklahoma St.	Colorado
Oregon	Washington St.
Oregon St.	UCLA
Pennsylvania	Yale
Penn State	Miami (Fla.)
Princeton	Harvard
Rutgers	Connecticut
San Diego St.	Southern Miss.*
San Jose St.	Idaho
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SMU	Texas A&M
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Texas Tech	TCU
Toledo	Xavier
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Villanova	Quantico Marines
Virginia Tech	Richmond
Wake Forest	South Carolina
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Wisconsin	Ohio State

NOVEMBER 16

SATURDAY

Air Force	Tulsa
Arkansas	SMU
(at Little Rock, Ark.)	
Auburn	Georgia
Baylor	Texas Tech
Boston Coll.	VMI
Brigham Young	Arizona St.
California	Oregon
Cincinnati	Ohio U.
Clemson	North Carolina
Colgate	Lafayette
Colorado	Nebraska
Colorado St. U.	West Texas St.
Cornell	Dartmouth
Dayton	Toledo
Duke	Wake Forest
East Carolina	Marshall
Harvard	Brown
Houston	Idaho*
Illinois	Northwestern
Indiana	Minnesota
Iowa	Ohio State
Kansas St.	Kansas
Kent State	Xavier
Kentucky	Florida
Louisiana St.	Miss. State*
Louisville	North Texas St.*
Maryland	Penn State
Memphis State	Wichita St.
Michigan	Wisconsin
Michigan St.	Purdue
Miami (Fla.)	Alabama*
New Mexico	New Mexico St.
N. C. State	Florida St.
Northern Ill.	Bowling Green
Notre Dame	Georgia Tech
Oklahoma	Missouri
Oklahoma St.	Iowa St.
Pacific	Stanford
Pennsylvania	Columbia
Pittsburgh	Army
Rutgers	Holy Cross
San Diego St.	Utah St.*
San Jose St.	Washington St.
South Carolina	Virginia Tech
Southern Cal.	Oregon St.
Southern Miss.	Richmond*
Syracuse	Navy
Tennessee	Mississippi
Texas A&M	Rice
TCU	Texas*
Utah	Arizona
U. Texas, El Paso	Wyoming*
Virginia	Tulane
Washington	UCLA
West Virginia	Villanova
Wm. & Mary	Citadel
Wofford	Davidson
Yale	Princeton

NOVEMBER 23

SATURDAY

Arizona	Wyoming*
Arizona St.	San Jose St.*
Boston U.	Buffalo
California	Stanford
Cincinnati	Miami (O.)
Citadel	East Carolina
Clemson	South Carolina
Colorado	Air Force

HOME TEAM

OPPONENT

Columbia	Brown
Davidson	Vanderbilt
	(at Charlotte, N.C.)
Florida St.	Wake Forest
Harvard	Yale
Holy Cross	Connecticut
Houston	Tulsa*
Illinois	Iowa
Kansas St.	Oklahoma St.
Louisville	Drake
Massachusetts	Boston Coll.
Missouri	Kansas
New Mexico	Brigham Young
North Carolina	Duke
Northwestern	Michigan St.
Ohio State	Michigan
Ohio U.	Northern Ill.
Oklahoma	Nebraska
Oregon St.	Oregon
Pennsylvania	Dartmouth
Pittsburgh	Penn State
Princeton	Cornell
Purdue	Indiana
Rice	TCU
Richmond	Wm. & Mary
Rutgers	Colgate
SMU	Baylor
Tampa	Southern Miss.*
Temple	Dayton
Tennessee	Kentucky
Texas Tech	Arkansas
Tulane	Louisiana St.
UCLA	Southern Cal.
Utah St.	Utah
U. Texas, El Paso	Colorado St. U.*
Villanova	West Chester
Virginia	Maryland
Washington St.	Washington
	(at Spokane, Wash.)
West Virginia	Syracuse
Wichita St.	North Texas St.
Wisconsin	Minnesota
Xavier	Bowling Green

NOVEMBER 28

THURSDAY

Louisiana Tech	New Mexico St.*
Texas	Texas A&M
Tulsa	Wichita St.
VMI	Virginia Tech
	(at Roanoke, Va.)

NOVEMBER 29

FRIDAY

Florida St.	Houston*
	(at Jacksonville, Fla.)

NOVEMBER 30

SATURDAY

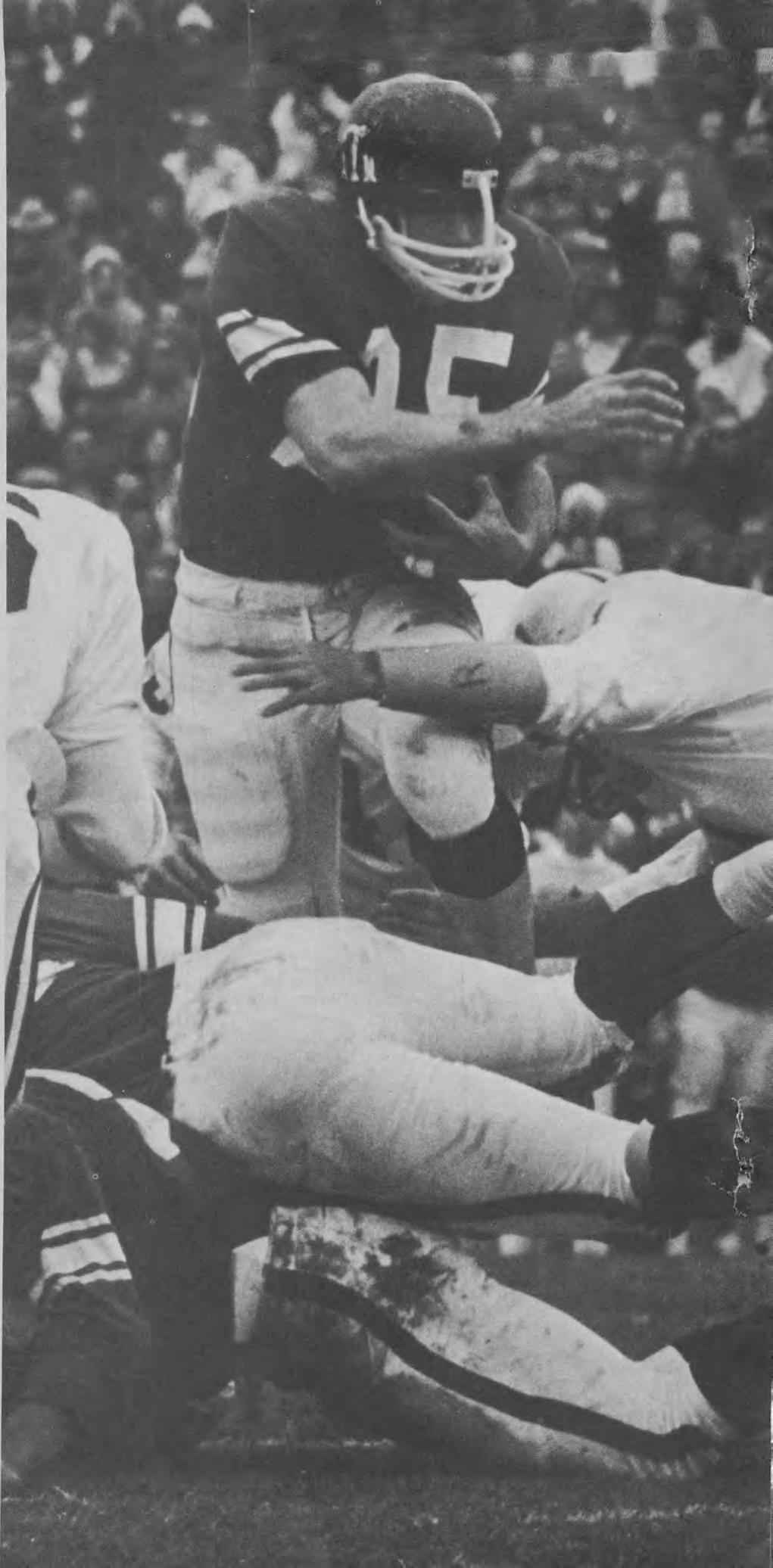
Alabama	Auburn
	(at Birmingham, Ala.)
Arizona	Arizona St.*
Army	Navy
	(at Philadelphia, Pa.)
Baylor	Rice
Boston Coll.	Holy Cross
East Tennessee	East Carolina
Florida	Miami (Fla.)
Georgia	Georgia Tech
Hawaii	California
Louisville	Memphis State
Mississippi	Miss. State
Oklahoma St.	Oklahoma
San Jose St.	Brigham Young
Southern Cal.	Notre Dame
Vanderbilt	Tennessee

DECEMBER 7

SATURDAY

Penn State	Syracuse
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Texas A&M tailback Larry Stegent (No. 25) battles his way through the Alabama line in last season's Cotton Bowl. The Aggies, behind the passing of Edd Hargett, upset the Crimson Tide, 20-16.



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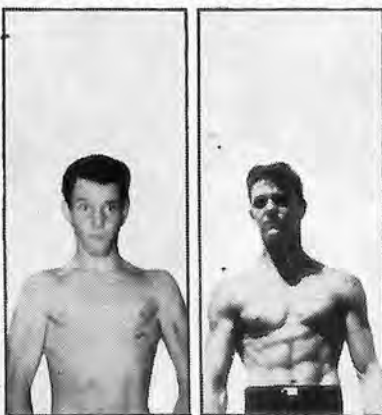
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